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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, July 1, 2004

Chairman Bill Busbice, Jr. presiding.

Lee Felterman
Henry Mouton
Wayne Segrera
Jerry Stone

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present.

Commissioner Terry Denmon was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **June 8, 2004 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Segrera and seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

Under **Commission Special Announcements**, Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Phil Bowman to introduce Mr. David Moreland. He began stating Mr. Tommy Prickett, administrator of the Wildlife Division, retired and has gone to enjoy other things. This left a significant void in the Office of Wildlife. A number of qualified candidates were interested in the position. The Department selected Mr. David Moreland, the Deer Study Biologist, to be the new Administrator for the Wildlife Division. Chairman Busbice stated he has worked with Mr. Moreland and knew him to be very respected and knowledgeable about the game species.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers were issued during June.

Region I - Minden - 56 citations, 11 warnings and 1 public assist.

Region II - Monroe - 63 citations, 11 warnings and 5 public assists.

Region III - Alexandria - 170 citations, 8 warnings and 4 public assists.

Region IV - Ferriday - 82 citations, 31 warnings and 8 public assists.

Region V - Lake Charles - 135 citations, 17 warnings and 8 public assists.

Region VI - Opelousas - 151 citations, 50 warnings and 10 public assists.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 189 citations, 10 warnings and 15 public assists.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 228 citations, 48 warnings and 7 public assists.

Region IX - Schriever - 194 citations, 22 warnings and 15 public assists.

Oyster Strike Force - 33 citations and 7 warnings.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 43 citations.

SWEP - 15 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 19 citations, 8 warnings and 5 public assists.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of June was 1,268. Also 204 warning citations were issued and agents helped with 73 public assist cases.

The aviation report for June 2004 showed enforcement pilots flew two airplanes a total of 29.2 hours for enforcement and 8.7 hours for other divisions. No citations were issued.

Public Comments - 2004-05 Hunting Seasons began with the Chairman stating he would take comments on the hunting season dates.

Mr. Keith Jobert, Church Point, stated he wanted to comment on the move made to take the easternmost portion of Area 8 and put it into Area 2. He reminded the Commission he was the person that made a presentation several years ago on creating the new Area 8. The information presented on the rut at that time was 100 percent accurate according to Mr. Tommy Prickett. Mr. Jobert then stated he was aware of the reasons for the petition this time was due to the mosquitoes and to hunt during colder weather. He again checked with staff to find out if the rut was earlier in October and both Mr. Prickett and Mr. David Moreland agreed. Mr. Jobert asked the Commission to leave that area in Area 8 and base it upon statistics instead of fighting mosquitoes or West Nile Virus.

Mr. Harry Evans, Moss Bluff, stated he also wanted to comment on the Area 8 move. He stated he was involved in a group that wanted to look at the petitions that requested the move. The copy he was shown did not actually contain 600 names as was previously stated.

His group has been contacted by more and more hunters who have just found out about the move and they were not in favor of it. Mr. Evans appealed to the Commission not to make this move "a done deal". He then noted they contacted several people that signed the petition and, given the facts, they stated they would not have signed the petition if they had known they would miss the rut and the seasons were already being adjusted. Again he asked to leave Area 8 alone this year and then get the biologists and everyone else involved next year and approach from a different angle. Mr. Evans concluded stating the Department's website was incorrect up until a few days prior to the meeting and those hunters did not know and did not have a chance to comment.

Mr. Rene Thibodaux, Pointe Coupee Parish, stated he hunts Area 6 and felt the Commission was taking away the most precious time for a bowhunter to be in the woods and that was the days prior to squirrel hunters going into the area. He then asked that this time not be taken away from them. Mr. Thibodaux added there was no biological reason for the move. He felt moving the bow season into February was just a waste of time. He asked for a full week prior to the opening of squirrel season. On the question of whether the numbers of deer have gone down in Area 6 due to bowhunters, Mr. Thibodaux felt they had not. Another possible solution was to move the opening of squirrel season only in Area 6 back.

Mr. Brad Thibodaux, Area 6, stated House Bill 375 was to get rid of the 6 point restriction in the tri-parish area. His concern on the law would make any future antler restrictions uniform statewide and would take the decision out of the hands of the Commission. Mr. Thibodaux also commented that Senator Marionneaux wanted to abolish the Commission. Again this meeting, he talked about rabbit hunting and asked to extend that season to March 15.

Mr. Roland Dugas, a hunter in Area 6, began congratulating Mr. Moreland on his position. He noted Mr. Moreland did a study in Area 6 to find out the rut period. A recommendation for the deer season was to begin November 1 and end the last day of February and most of the hunters supported that study. Mr. Dugas appreciated the Commission's compromise to coincide the season with the study and the fact that they listened to the biologists.

Mr. Bill Shockey, a hunter in Area 6, commended the Commission for the proposed changes in Area 6. He stated that Mr. Moreland made a presentation in April and reported three fetuses were taken from Pointe Coupee Parish and all of their dates of conception were in February. Mr. Shockey then disagreed with an earlier speaker that the "sweet spot" was the few days that bowhunters might get in the woods before squirrel season opened. He felt the "sweet spot" was actually in February when no one hunts.

Mr. Johnny Pourciau, a hunter in Area 6, disagreed with Mr. Shockey. He felt the best part of bowhunting was getting in the

woods before scent was all in the woods. He applauded extending the squirrel season, but asked why not open that season one week later and leave the bow season in the front. Mr. Pourciau also felt the few days to hunt in February was a waste of time.

Mr. Andrew Busch, a hunting club manager in Area 6, stated the proposed dates for muzzleloader of December 6-10, Monday through Friday, was like being sandwiched between the gun still season and the dog season. A weekend of hunting was taken from his club members that have to work Monday through Friday. All of those hunters felt they were being discriminated against and would not muzzleloader hunt. This may result in loss of revenues for the Department. Summing up, Mr. Busch felt there would be a loss from hunters, revenue and harvesting of does. He then asked for the weekend of December 4 & 5 along with those other 5 days.

Mr. Brian Bergeron, a hunter in Area 6, asked that the bow season be set for October 1 through the end of January. He noted they do not want February dates, they want October. He then suggested looking at club records and seeing when deer were killed with a bow and noted they were killed in October. Mr. Bergeron asked that the season be kept the way it was in the past and not be in the woods when squirrel and rabbit hunters were in the woods with their dogs.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Jimmy Anthony to present the next two items, a **Rule Ratification - 2004-05 Hunting Seasons** and **Rule Ratification - General & WMA Hunting Rules & Regulations**. Mr. Anthony stated that the Lake Ophelia dates discussed at the last meeting needed to be revisited. The correct dates for Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge should be December 11-12, January 8-9, and January 15-16. He then asked for a motion to correct those dates. Commissioner Felterman made a motion correcting the dates for Lake Ophelia. Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Then Mr. Anthony stated the Department has received no further comments and had no additional recommendations. He then added staff was ready to proceed with the recommendations as amended.

Commissioner Sagrera stated the correspondence he has received on the Area 8 move into Area 2 has been 90 to 95 percent against. He then asked Mr. Dave Moreland if the decision was made in haste or did the Department still recommend that move. Mr. Moreland stated that recommendation was based on information received from March until May. He added that the group requesting the move was informed they would be missing the peak of the rutting activity but it was not a major concern for them. Again he stated the decision was based on the support shown prior to that time. Commissioner Sagrera then asked about all of the comments on bowhunting. Mr. Moreland stated the breeding activity in the upper portion of Area 6 is basically January and February and when October comes around, that puts the fawns one month old. From a biological standpoint,

it was not recommended to shoot does that are still nursing fawns. The comment made the impact of bowhunting was not that great, Mr. Moreland stated, as a biologist, he was concerned with animal welfare.

Commissioner Mouton stated he wanted to propose extensions to the deer hunting seasons. The extensions would be for 5 to 7 days and would not cause much harm to the deer herd. Commissioner Mouton felt his responsibility was to create more hunting opportunity for the sportsmen. He then stated he would make his recommendations area by area. For Area 1, Commissioner Mouton made a motion to have the muzzleloader season run from January 24-January 30, still hunt days would be from January 10-January 23, and with or without dogs would be from December 4-January 9. Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. Then on Area 2, Commissioner Mouton made a motion to change the muzzleloader season to January 17-January 23 and have with or without dogs run from December 4-January 16. This motion added 9 days of hunting with or without dogs in Area 2. Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Area 3 still hunt dates were changed to December 4-January 9 which added 7 days to this area. Commissioner Mouton made a motion as noted and it was seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. This motion also passed with no opposition. Still hunt days in Area 4 was changed as a motion by Commissioner Mouton to November 13-January 9. Mr. Anthony noted that the muzzleloader dates would have to be changed if the additional days were added to Area 4. After discussing the muzzleloader dates for Area 4, those dates were changed to read January 10-January 19 and this was included in Commissioner Mouton's motion. Again Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Mouton noted Area 5 would not change, but made a motion for Area 6 to change muzzleloader first split to October 30-November 5 and change still hunt to November 6-December 10. Commissioner Sagrera stated this change in the muzzleloader season would address the concern of not having a weekend to hunt. He then seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. For Area 7, Commissioner Mouton made a motion to change the with or without dogs hunt to November 29-January 2 and it was seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. The motion passed with no opposition. The next change was for Area 8, changing the with or without dogs hunt to December 4-January 9. A motion was made by Commissioner Mouton and seconded by Commissioner Sagrera to cover this change. The motion passed with no opposition. Commissioner Mouton then noted he received about 200 petitions from hunters on the Kisatchie National Forest hunting dates. He made a motion to add December 11-12, bucks only, with or without dogs and December 27-January 4 and January 8-9, bucks only, with or without dogs to the Catahoula and Winn Districts within the Kisatchie Forest. Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The last change for Kisatchie National Forest was on the Evangeline Unit by adding December 18-19, bucks only, with or without dogs and to go from December 26-January 4, bucks only, with or without dogs.

Mr. Phil Bowman asked the Commission to postpone ratifying the changes listed until the next meeting so the public could comment on those changes. He added that the actions could be ratified as a Declaration of Emergency. Chairman Busbice agreed with Mr. Bowman but added that they were just giving more days. Mr. Bowman realized more days and more opportunity was being given to the public, but he still wanted to allow the public the chance to participate. Chairman Busbice felt there may be a problem with taking away days, but since days were being added, he would allow the Commission to speak. Commissioner Stone felt there may be some problems since several dates were shifted and a lot of hunters have already made their plans. He suggested waiting until next year to make this proposal. Commissioner Mouton wanted to proceed so, if vacation schedules would have to be changed, there would be an extra month of not knowing the season dates. Also, he agreed that hunting opportunities were being given. Commissioner Stone felt if the initiation days did not change and dates were only added at the end, he would not have a problem. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to change the Kisatchie Evangeline Unit season dates. Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Mr. Anthony felt one problem that may arise was from the move on the opening date of still hunt back two weeks. Mr. Bowman reminded the Commission when the change in Area 8 to Area 2 was made, the main complaint was the hunters vacations were already scheduled and it could not be changed. Commissioner Mouton felt there was a need to go ahead and make these changes. Commissioner Stone asked Mr. Moreland what kind of impact would there be with the additional days. Mr. Moreland felt the big change in Area 6 would be different since the staff has been trying to work toward a later framework. Harvest records indicate that kills occur when the rut is going on and the deer are more active. Chairman Busbice opened the discussion for public comments denoting again that hunting opportunities have been added.

Mr. John Pourciau felt the move on the muzzleloader season in Area 6 was a good idea. He stated that bowhunters can spot a doe with fawns even when the fawns are not present. He then asked about the unborn fawns or a doe that has been bred by a quality buck that may be killed. Chairman Busbice stated he understood the comments on the bow season. He added they received a lot of comments on the opening of the bow season and about 80 percent were for the move to February 15. Chairman Busbice asked the hunters to try this change for a year and see what happens. He suggested petitioning the Department and see about revisiting the situation next year. Mr. Pourciau noted they were looking at the overall welfare of the deer itself.

Mr. Rene Thibodaux stated he does not see the 80-20 percent in Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge Parishes. Again, he emphasized more does are being killed in October by bowhunters than any other month. After looking at the records for bucks harvested in Pointe Coupee Parish, there were 5 killed. One was killed in January, 1

in November and the other 3 were taken in October. Mr. Thibodaux restated they only hunt with a bow in October and that could not be replaced by adding days in February. Chairman Busbice suggested to Mr. Thibodaux going through the upcoming season as it passed, but if it does not work, then go to the public hearings and voice your opinions.

An Unidentified Speaker stated the odds of killing a deer with a bow when squirrel hunters with their dogs are in the woods was tremendous.

Mr. Brad Thibodaux asked that the bow hunting dates be read again. Mr. Anthony read those dates and was asked by Commissioner Mouton if the lower portion of Area 6 was different from the northern portion. Mr. Anthony stated the lower portion of Area 6 has a later rutting period. Commissioner Mouton stated the Commission could only do what they felt was right.

Mr. Cal Baker, Staff Officer with Kisatchie National Forest, stated he wanted to speak on the changes to the dog deer hunting on those lands. The Forest does not favor neither an increase nor a decrease in the number of dog deer hunting days. He then reiterated the Forest's previous concerns over the increase in days. All deer browse surveys indicate there is a low number of deer on the Forest which could be attributed in part to dog deer hunting. The Kisatchie National Forest is the only public land that allows dog deer hunting which results in higher hunting pressure. Mr. Baker relayed they receive numerous complaints about dog deer hunting activities such as firearms use, road blockages, and aggressive pursuits of deer and dogs on and off the roads. Also there is a significant law enforcement burden with dog deer hunting. He then stated that if dog deer hunting was a good idea on Forest lands, then the state of Louisiana should open their public lands to that activity. Mr. Baker also felt the public was not being given a chance to voice their concerns with the changes. He knew there may be a petition to increase the number of dog deer days, but felt there was an equal number of people that have concerns with this type of hunting. Mr. Baker read from a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department and the Forest Service signed in 1985 which referred to the contacting of the Service on pertinent changes to state laws that affects management of the forest. He stated the changes had no biological basis and was in fact contrary to biological findings. Browse surveys conducted on the forest by Department staff and Service personnel during the previous year showed the results were consistent with earlier surveys that showed low browse utilization and low deer numbers. The Service felt the number of dog deer days needed to be looked at but it needed to be looked at together with limiting the training of deer dogs and identifying possible areas with private residences that may need to be excluded from dog deer activities. Concluding, Mr. Baker stated the Service is obligated to work with the Department and the Commission. He strongly recommended

rescinding the additional dog deer days on Kisatchie. Chairman Busbice stated the Commission did not add a lot of days to the schedule and there are a lot of people that want to use those lands that have used them for lots of years. The Chairman felt Mr. Baker was wrong in referring to the extra days as dog deer days, he noted it was deer hunting with or without dogs. He added that the Commission was speaking for those people who have contacted them year after year wanting a few extra days of hunting on Kisatchie. Commissioner Mouton stated a lot of the comments he received were not just from dog hunters but were still hunters. Mr. Baker again stated the changes were made without consultation with the Forest and over their objections. Commissioner Stone asked if the browse study was accurate and was the deer herd in trouble? Mr. Moreland stated the findings were directly related to the forestry management and until that management changes, the forest becomes more and more open with little cover. This results in low utilization of the forest by the deer which further equates to a low deer population.

Mr. Keith Jobert asked if the easternmost portion of Area 8 was in Area 2 and could it be changed. Mr. Anthony stated that was in the permanent rule and could not be changed. Mr. Jobert stated in that area, there were 101 deer killed in October and in November there were 109 killed. He asked to change the season that opens on October 30 to open on October 23.

Mr. Marty Calloway, an Area 8 hunter, stated he loves to hunt deer with dogs. He expressed his appreciation for the few extra days of hunting that was given.

Mr. Andrew Busch expressed to Commissioner Mouton he was very pleased with the recommendation for Area 6.

An Unidentified Speaker asked if Commissioner Mouton knew that with his changes, the bow season was cut another two weeks by moving muzzleloader season to October 30. Chairman Busbice commented that Louisiana has one of the longest bow seasons in the country. He asked the hunters to try it for a year.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Anthony to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion for the rule on Hunting and WMA Rules and Regulations. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. The motion passed with no opposition. Then Mr. Anthony read the Therefore Be It Resolved for the 2004-05 season dates and bag limits. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it also passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolutions and Rules are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 1, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 1, 2004.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting rules and regulations for the State and WMAs, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish regulations that govern public and private lands is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all information pertinent to the rule and regulations governing hunting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and 116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire rifle, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license.

Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally by licensed hunters from September 1 through February 29 28 during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with a daily limit of five. When no limit EXCEPT if taken with a shotgun, steel shot must be used. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with shot no larger than F steel, and during gun deer seasons, anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap or hat. Recreational nutria hunters must remove each nutria carcass in whole condition from the hunting area, except that nutria may be gutted. Possession of detached nutria parts, including nutria tails, by recreational hunters is illegal. Nutria harvested recreationally may not be pelted nor may such nutria or any nutria parts from recreationally taken nutria be sold, including the tail. Pelting or selling of carcasses is illegal EXCEPT when taken by a licensed trapper during the trapping season. Trespassing upon private property without consent for the purpose of taking nutria or other furbearing animals is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265). The Coastwide Nutria Control Program is a separate program and is in no way related to the nutria recreational season. For questions on the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, call the New Iberia office (337) 373-0032.

4. Blackbirds and crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 2 with no limit; however crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard. Louisiana has determined that the birds listed above are crop depredators and that crows have been implicated in the spread of the West Nile virus in humans.

5. Pheasant. CLOSED.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until the last day of February. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags

must be in the possession of the hunter and attached and locked to antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow or muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

9. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting: In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the regulations pamphlet.

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

10. Bobcat. The hunting of bobcats will be legal only during the open deer season in all deer hunting areas. The legal shooting hours and the legal methods for the taking of bobcats shall be the same as defined for the taking of deer. License requirements shall also be the same for deer. The season limit shall be one.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See information below for exceptions.

2. All persons born on or after September 1, 1969 must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to purchase a Basic Hunting License, EXCEPT any active or veteran member of the United States armed services or any POST-certified law enforcement officer. Application for the exemption shall be filed in person at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries main office building in the city of Baton Rouge. A person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by, and is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older, EXCEPT during a statewide youth deer hunt, the youth must have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to participate.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of taking resident game birds and quadrupeds

a. It is illegal to intentionally feed, deposit, place, distribute, expose, scatter, or cause to be fed, deposited, placed, distributed, exposed, or scattered raw sweet potatoes to wild game quadrupeds.

b. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

c. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the Department, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. For specific details contact a regional office near you. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found destroying commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the Department. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local regional office for details.

7. Threatened and endangered species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, unmarked hogs where legal, and armadillos year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes and ~~bobcats~~ are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only with traps by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" allowed by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on public roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game

license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow, muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the State of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal on private lands) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season Season limit is six, two of which may be antlered, (all segments included) by all methods of take.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically allowed and except in West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee Parishes, and that portion of Iberville Parish west of the Mississippi River including ~~(excluding~~ the Sherburne Wildlife Management Complex and those private lands which are totally surrounded by the Sherburne Complex) where a legal buck shall be defined as a deer with at least 6 points or a deer with both spikes three inches long or less. To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise allowed.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with

anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Except in wildlife management areas, a leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, other than a muzzleloader, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and may be fitted with magnified scopes. This includes muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16

and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Lake Boeuf, and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

(d). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.

11. Hunter orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a hunter orange cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR

PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING
"HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

13. Special Youth Deer Hunt on Private Lands (Either-Sex). See regulations pamphlet for dates. Youth must be under the age of 16, must have proof of successfully completing a Department approved hunter safety course, and must be accompanied by an adult licensed to hunt big game. In West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee Parishes and that portion of Iberville Parish west of the Mississippi River antler restrictions for bucks shall be waived.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Franklin, Madison, St. Helena, Tensas, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Catahoula - All EXCEPT that portion lying west of Boeuf River from Caldwell parish line to Ouachita River, north and east of Ouachita River to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, west of La. 559 to La. 124. North and west of La. 124 westward to LaSalle parish line.

ii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La. 8.

iii. LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to La. 124. South of La. 124 eastward to Catahoula Parish line.

iv. Livingston - North of I-12.

v. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vi. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

vii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

viii. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

ii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line. South of Mississippi state line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iii. Franklin - All.

iv. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

v. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vi. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto

River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany parish line to the Tangipahoa parish line, east of the Tangipahoa parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with La. 25.

vii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, Union, Webster, Winn.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. ~~Allen - North of U.S. 190 and east of La. 113. from the parish line westward to Kinder, east of U.S. 165 from Kinder northward to La. 10 at Oakdale, north of La. 10 from Oakdale, westward to the parish line,~~

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Beauregard - East of La. 113.

iv. Catahoula - That portion lying west of Boeuf River from Caldwell parish line to Ouachita River, north and east of Ouachita River to La. 559 at Duty Ferry. West of La. 559 to La. 124. North and west of La. 124 westward to LaSalle parish line.

iv. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

vi. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

vii. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

viii. LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena; east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to La. 124. South of La. 124 eastward to Catahoula parish line.

viiiix. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ix. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake.

xi. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xii. Vernon - East and south of La. 113, north and east of La. 465 ~~North of La. 10 from the parish line westward to La. 113, south of La. 113 eastward to the parish line. Also the portion north of La. 465, west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.~~

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of

Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La. 113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 from the parish line north to DeRidder and north of U.S. 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - South of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas State line. Also east of La. 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 at Bastrop to junction of La. 593, east

and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Martin, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - All except that portion west of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to Terrebonne Parish line.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. Terrebonne - North of Intracoastal Waterway from St. Mary Parish line eastward to Houma, east of Houma Navigation Canal southward to the Gulf of Mexico.

xii. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

d. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1 from Simmesport westward to La. 115 at Marksville, east of La. 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to La. 1 at Simmesport.

ii. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi River.

iii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iv. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

v. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

vi. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

7. Area 7

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia - South of La. 14 and west of U.S. Hwy. 90.

ii. St. Mary - South of U.S. 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, west of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, south of Intracoastal Waterway from Wax Lake Outlet eastward to Terrebonne Parish line.

iii. Terrebonne - South of Intracoastal Waterway from St. Mary Parish line eastward to Houma, west of Houma Navigation Canal southward to the Gulf of Mexico.

8. Area 8

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

~~i. Allen - That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line to U.S. 190, north of U.S. 190 eastward to Kinder, west of U.S. 165 northward to La. 10 at Oakdale and south of La. 10 from Oakdale westward to parish line;~~

~~ii. Vernon - That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line northward to Pitkin, and south of La. 10 from Pitkin southward to the parish line;~~

~~iii. Beauregard - That portion east of La. 113. Also that portion west of La. 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;~~

~~iv. Calcasieu - That portion west of La. 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to the Texas state line.~~

G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. On days when Daily permits are required, permit stations will open 2 hours before legal shooting hours. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, ~~except for Lake Boeuf, Salvador/Timken and Pointe-aux-Chenes~~ or as otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt ~~deer~~ according to the regular season dates applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

~~h. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.~~

~~ih. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.), and wild plants and non-game wildlife (including reptiles and amphibians) is prohibited without prior approval from the Baton Rouge Office. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region Office.~~

~~ji. Burning of marshes is prohibited except by permit. Permits may be obtained from the Fur and Refuge Division. Hunting actively burning marsh prohibited.~~

kj. Nature trails. ~~Access to t~~Trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

lk. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

ml. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations may include both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

nm. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA, EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

on. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

2. Permits

a. A WMA Hunting Permit is required to hunt on WMAs.

b. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA after first presenting a valid hunting license to a Department employee. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

c. Self-Clearing Permits. A Self-Clearing Permit is required for ALL ACTIVITIES (hunting, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The Self-Clearing Permit will consist of three portions: CHECK IN, CHECK OUT and a Vehicle Tag. On WMAs where Self-Clearing Permits are required, all persons must obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's activity on the day of the activity (EXCEPT if hunting from a camp users need only to check in once during any 72 hour period). Users may check-in one day in advance of use. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and MUST be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a camp. EACH PERSON MUST leave the Vehicle Tag portion of his permit on the dashboard of the vehicle used to enter into the WMA in such a way that it can be easily read from outside of the vehicle. This MUST be done only when the vehicle is parked and left unattended on the WMA. If an ATV, boat or other type vehicle was used to enter the WMA, then the vehicle tag must be attached to that vehicle in such a manner that it can be readily seen and read. No permit is required of fishers and boaters who do not travel on a WMA road and/or launch on the WMA as long as they do not get out of the boat and onto the WMA. When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. Call the appropriate Region office for the location of the deer check station on these WMAs. (Self-Clearing Permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.)

d. Wild Louisiana Stamp. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, must possess one of the following: a valid Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth deer hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of a hunter safety certification, a valid Louisiana hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate region office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts. NOTE: Some hunts may be by pre-application lottery.

b. Youth Mourning Dove Hunt. A youth mourning dove hunt will be conducted on specific WMAs and will follow the same regulations provided for youth deer hunts on the second weekend of the mourning dove season (Saturday and Sunday only). Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth mourning dove hunts.

bc. Handicapped Season. An either-sex deer season will be held for hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit on WMAs during the dates specified under the individual WMA. Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons. Pointe-aux-Chenes will have an experimental Lottery Handicapped waterfowl hunt. Contact New Iberia Office, Fur and Refuge Division for details.

cd. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact region offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery deer hunts.

d. ~~Youth Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of a pre-hunt lottery application drawing. Contact region offices to apply or for more information. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Consult regulations pamphlet for deadline and WMAs offering Youth Deer Lottery Hunts.~~

e. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at Self Clearing station. Contact Region Offices for more details. Consult separate turkey hunting regulations pamphlet for more details ~~WMAs offering lottery hunts.~~

f. Waterfowl Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadline. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division Office for more details.

g. Mourning Dove Lottery Hunts. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division Office for more details.

fh. Trapping. Permits to take furbearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the Region Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at region offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is available at the Region Office. ~~Authorized trappers, with proper permits, may carry and use a loaded firearm (including in a motorized vehicle under power) at any time during daylight hours for the specific purpose of harvesting furbearers.~~

gi. Raccoon hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - ~~Season dates for specific WMAs are for nighttime raccoon hunting and permits may be required~~ All nighttime raccoon hunting where allowed is with dogs only. There is no bag limit for raccoons at night unless specified in the annual regulations pamphlet. Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the region office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at region offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

~~h. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is~~

~~prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs EXCEPT commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.~~

ij. Sport fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are allowed on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT as otherwise specified under individual WMA listings.

jk. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in Rapides, Vernon, Evangeline, St. Helena and other parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas and except as may be permitted for authorized trappers).

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs EXCEPT during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F

steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads, ATV trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season ~~Season limit is six, two of which may be antlered,~~ (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters from the beginning of archery season on the area until February 29 28 and only with guns/ammunition or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Consult the specific WMA for additional information. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs.

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill. Deer may not be skinned or have any external body parts removed including but not limited to feet, legs, tail, head or ears before being checked out.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

g. On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges, all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after the end of legal shooting hours each day. Hunting from utility poles, high tension power lines, oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within

two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

~~l. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.~~

ml. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

nm. Horses and mules may be ridden on Wildlife Management Areas except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited EXCEPT for quail hunting or as otherwise specified.

on. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. Quail hunters, woodcock All other hunters and archers (while on the ground) also must wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel as well as hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. ALSO all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

po. Archery season for deer. The archery season on WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either-sex deer EXCEPT

as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunts are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

qp. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

rg. Muzzleloader season for deer. Either-sex unless otherwise specified. See WMA deer schedule.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for the mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. Permits must be obtained from the New Iberia office.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by State and Federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer, or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. For your safety, All ALL oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting and bird dog training when allowed; see individual WMA season listings for WMAs that allow dogs ~~and dates~~. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 25 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

b. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

c. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

d. Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

e. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft "mud crawling vessels" (commonly referred to as crawfish combines which use paddle wheels for locomotion) and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexander State Forest WMA.

f. No internal combustion engines allowed in certain Greentree reservoirs.

g. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

h. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

i. Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps. WMA maps available at all region offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

j. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons is restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees are restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

k. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

l. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition, construction or wet weather.

m. ATVs, and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM. ATVs are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 EXCEPT certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes. These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail and designated on WMA maps. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only.

n. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

10. Commercial Activities.

a. Hunting Guides/Outfitters: No person or group may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any Wildlife Management Area, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

b. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval from Baton Rouge office or unless otherwise specified.

c. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs EXCEPT commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

11. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

12. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet. Unless otherwise specified under a specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited.

13. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet. Hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited on all WMAs EXCEPT for Atchafalaya Delta, Biloxi, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador/Timken and Wisner WMAs. Consult specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs.

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet. During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, incidental take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA. However, crows, blackbirds, grackles and cowbirds may not be taken before September 1 or after January 2.

17. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations:

a. Acadiana Conservation Corridor.

b. Alexander State Forest. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

c. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited EXCEPT as permitted for authorized WMA trappers.

d. Attakapas.

e. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. Mules are allowed for nighttime raccoon hunting.

f. Bayou Pierre

g. Bens Creek

h. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.

i. Big Lake.

- j. Biloxi.
- k. Bodcau.
- l. Boeuf.
- m. Boise-Vernon.
- n. Buckhorn.
- o. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. All game harvested must be reported. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.
- p. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.
- q. Elbow Slough. Steel shot only for all hunting.
- qr. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.
- rs. Floy Ward McElroy.
- st. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year. Special regulations apply to ATV users.
- tu. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Region Office. No hunting in restricted area.
- tv. Jackson-Bienville. Beginning September 1, 2004, ATVs are allowed ONLY on non-public maintained gravel roads and ~~timber management woods, roads and~~ marked ATV trails.
- vw. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.
- wx. Lake Boeuf. Hunting allowed until 12:00 noon on all game.
- xy. Lake Ramsey. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.
- yz. Little River.
- zaa. Loggy Bayou.

aabb. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

bbcc. Maurepas Swamp.

ccdd. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during duck season including early teal season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ddee. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

eeff. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

ffgg. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

gghh. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for mourning dove hunting and ~~experimental~~ youth lottery deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open only on the first 3 during each Saturdays of the second split of mourning dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted

portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the Department.

~~hh~~ii. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per boat or group daily.

~~ii~~jj. Red River. Crawfishing prohibited on Yakey Farms Wetland Restoration Areas.

~~jj~~kk. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

~~kk~~ll. Sabine.

~~ll~~mm. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

~~mm~~nn. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none of the lines are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any

commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 H.P. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes - "Baie Des Chactas" and Baie du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with four cylinders or less is permitted in interior ditches from September 6-February 1. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and water control structures is prohibited. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

mmoo. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads.

oopp. Sherburne. Crawfishing: Recreational crawfishing only on the ~~North and~~ South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

ppgg. Sicily Island Hills.

qqrr. Soda Lake. No motorized vehicles allowed. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

rrss. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: recreational only. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at

camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

tt. Tangipahoa Parish School Board. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed.

ssuu. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

ttvv. Three Rivers.

ttww. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area. North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the general public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

vvxx. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

wwyy. West Bay.

xxzz. Wisner.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26:1494 (July 2000), LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 28:1603 (July 2002), LR 29:1124 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1522 (August 2003), LR 30: .

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 1, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 1, 2004.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for resident game birds and quadrupeds, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other rules and regulations for the hunting, taking and possession of any species of wild game birds or quadrupeds is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all available biological information, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules, regulations, season dates, and bag limits affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 2004-2005 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR

24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30: .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 2004-2005

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 13-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 2-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 2-Feb. 28	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal on private lands)	6/season

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 17-Jan. 23	Nov. 20-Dec.3 Jan. 3-Jan.16	Dec. 4-Jan. 2
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 23-Oct. 29 Jan. 8-Jan. 14	Oct. 30-Dec.3	Dec. 4-Jan. 7
3	Sept.18- Jan.15	Oct. 9-Oct.15 Nov.29-Dec. 3	Oct.16-Nov.28 Dec. 4-Jan. 2	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 6-Nov. 12 Jan. 8-Jan. 17	Nov.13-Jan. 7	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Dec. 27-Jan. 2 Bucks Only	Nov.26-Dec.12	

6	Oct. 16-Feb. 15 North of Hwy. 90; Oct. 1-Jan. 31 South of Hwy. 90	Dec. 6-Dec. 10 Jan. 24-Jan. 31	Nov.20-Dec. 5	Dec.11-Jan.23
7	Oct. 1-Jan. 31	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Nov. 6-Nov. 12	Oct.16-Nov. 5 Nov.13-Nov.28	Nov.29-Dec.29
8	Sept.18-Jan. 15	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Nov. 29-Dec. 3	Oct.16-Nov.28	Dec. 4-Jan. 2

D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Allen	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Ascension	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Assumption	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Avoyelles	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
Beauregard	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 8	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Bienville	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Bossier	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Caddo	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Calcasieu	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 8	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Caldwell	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Cameron	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Catahoula	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Claiborne	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Concordia	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
DeSoto	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
East Baton Rouge	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
East Carroll	Area 4 portion	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, east of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison Parish line.
	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 26-28, remainder of the parish
East Feliciana	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Evangeline	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Franklin	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5
Grant	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Iberia	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 7	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
Iberville	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Jackson	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Jefferson	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Jefferson Davis	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Lafayette	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Lafourche	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
LaSalle	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Lincoln	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Livingston	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Madison	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Morehouse	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28
Natchitoches	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Orleans		Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28
Plaquemines	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Pointe Coupee	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Rapides	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5
Red River	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Richland	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28
Sabine	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
St. Bernard	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Charles	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Helena	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. James	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. John	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Landry	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
St. Martin	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Mary	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 7	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
St. Tammany	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Tangipahoa	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Tensas	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Terrebonne	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 7	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
Union	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Vermilion	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Vernon	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Washington	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Webster	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
West Baton Rouge	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
West Carroll	Area 5	Nov. 26
West Feliciana	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Winn	Area	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex
Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 1-7 Dec. 1-7 Jan. 1-7

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), repromulgated LR 25:1526 (August 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1521 (August 2003), LR 30: (July 2004).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Public Comments - Changes to DMAP and LADT Regulations began with Mr. Dave Moreland reminding the Commission a Notice of Intent was presented at the last meeting for those two programs. A meeting was held and the staff reported very few comments were received. Mr. Moreland felt he received the most comments on DMAP with 10 during June--2 for the proposal, 5 were against and 3 needed more information. He then read several comments he received. All of the 17 comments on the LADT program have been positive and asked how they could get involved..

Mr. Brad Thibodaux stated the objective of DMAP was to harvest a certain number of does. He did not see any harm in allowing the rest of the doe tags be filled out when the latter part of January comes around.

Mr. Daniel Neuwhatney stated he was against the DMAP changes. He felt hunters could hunt trophy bucks, and then toward the end of the season, be able to shoot 7 or 8 more deer. He stated if he was only allowed to take 6 deer, then everyone should only be allowed to take 6 deer.

Tentative Dates for Early Season Migratory Birds (Dove, Rail, Snipe, Gallinule, Woodcock & Teal) began with Mr. Mike Olinde telling the Commission the dates for these birds needed to be to the Fish and Wildlife Service before August 1, which would be before the Commission met again. The Resolution would allow the Secretary to enact a Declaration of Emergency to set those dates or to adjust the dates if the Fish and Wildlife Service changed the proposed framework. The mourning dove recommendation was a statewide, 70 day split season, with 12 bird bag limit, 24 possession limit. The dates would be September 4-September 12, October 9-November 14 and December 18-January 10. Hunting hours would be noon to sunset on opening weekends of each split and sunrise to sunset for the remainder of the season. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Olinde to explain the Eurasian collared and ringed-tailed doves. He then asked how does someone tell the

difference between the two. Mr. Olinde stated the Eurasian collared dove was much bigger and is buffed color with a flat tail instead of a pointed tail. Commissioner Sagrera asked if action was needed on each specie individually. Mr. Olinde stated they could be discussed individually and then voted on all together. Commissioner Sagrera stated he wanted to push the dove season back based on comments he has received. He recommended having a very short first split and then add those extra days on the back side when more birds are available to hunt. He then made a motion to set the dove season for September 4-September 6, October 16-November 28 and December 18-January 9. Commissioner Mouton stated he has talked to north Louisiana hunters and this could allow them the opportunity to hunt during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. He felt Commissioner Sagrera's motion was a fair compromise and he seconded the motion. Commissioner Stone asked if there was any Department comment on the change. Mr. Olinde stated if there was to only be a 3 day first split, Commissioner Sagrera's approach was good since it took in both holidays. The motion passed with no opposition. Then Mr. Olinde stated a September teal season can be held when the population is above 3.3 million birds and the very preliminary estimate was 4 million. The recommendation for teal season was a 9 day season to cover the last two weekends in September with the dates of September 18-September 26. The rail and gallinule seasons can have split seasons, so the recommendation was to have a September 18-September 26 season. The remainder of the season for rails and gallinules would be set with the big duck season. Woodcock season was a 45 day season running from December 18-January 31. Snipe season was deferred until the next meeting. Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to accept the seasons with the stipulated change in the dove season. Mr. Olinde read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

JULY 1, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA July 1, 2004.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby adopt the presented tentative season dates for migratory birds which are made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

- (1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and
- (2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Bill A. Busbice Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Mr. Noel Kinler presented the next item, a **Declaration of Emergency - Setting the 2004 Wild Alligator Harvest Season**. He began stating results of the September 2003 season showed more than 28,500 wild alligators were harvested which averaged 7.2 feet. This total was 2,000 down from the previous season due to habitat changes that were incorporated into the tag allotment schedule. An additional 3,000 bonus tags, geared to harvesting alligators in the 4 to 5 foot class, were issued. Estimated hide meat value from 2003 was \$6.2 million. Prices have declined substantially to an average low of \$13 in 2003. Mr. Kinler listed several reasons for price

reduction was due to overall world economic conditions, war on terror and an increase in Cayman and crocodile skin productions. The season overall has been very successful with over 634,000 wild alligators being taken since the season reopened in 1972. Also, 350,000 alligators were harvested from the wild which provided stock to the alligator farmers. In the farm program, over 250,000 alligator tags were issued to farmers during the current year. Nest surveys have started and Mr. Kinler felt nest production was good this year but there may be some concern in southwest Louisiana with all of the rain that has fallen. Staff recommendation was to open the 2004 season on Wednesday, September 1 and close on Thursday, September 30. The Wednesday opening was requested by alligator dealers so there was not a flood of alligators into the production facilities if the season opened on a weekend. When nest surveys were finished, staff would prepare quota recommendations and submit it to Secretary Landreneau for his approval.

Commissioner Mouton asked if a person has to own land or lease land in order to get alligator tags? Mr. Kinler stated the land has to be owned or leased and must be wetland habitat. He added there are a lot of recreational opportunities on the upland WMAs where bids are taken to harvest alligators. Chairman Busbice asked if there was a census on the total number of wild alligators in Louisiana? Mr. Kinler stated from the coastwide nest survey, it was estimated there may be 1.5 million alligators in the state. He also noted there was a statewide nuisance alligator program with about 65 nuisance hunters enrolled. These hunters handle nuisance complaints and removes the alligator. If the alligator is under 4 foot, the hunter must release the animal; but if it is over 6 foot, then he was required to take it, meaning he can kill it and skin it and this would be his profit. Several nuisance hunters are contemplating leaving the program since the price of skins and meat does not compensate for their time and effort. Approximately 2,000 alligators are harvested each year, but there are 5,000 to 7,000 complaints in any one year. The state of Florida has incorporated a program that would pay a nuisance hunter \$30 per alligator to help cover some of his expenses. Mr. Kinler then stated the staff was looking at Florida's program to see what could be done to keep the nuisance hunters enrolled in the program. Commissioner Sagrera thought funding from the tag fees could cover the nuisance hunter program. He then asked about setting a permanent season opening date for the first Wednesday in September. Mr. Kinler stated the plan was to present a Notice of Intent at the next meeting to cover that request. Commissioner Felterman commented to Commissioner Sagrera that the tag fees may need to be increased to cover the nuisance hunters. Commissioner Sagrera stated he had no problem with that. Mr. Kinler then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Felterman seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2004 Wild Alligator Harvest Season adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

July 1, 2004

- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, allows the Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana has historically led the world in the production of crocodilians with value to alligator hunters of over \$181 million between 1972 and 2003, and
- WHEREAS, the Louisiana ranching program (wild egg collection) largely supports a statewide alligator farming program, producing approximately 200,000 hides per year, and
- WHEREAS, the comprehensive Louisiana alligator management program contributes significantly to conserving alligators and their wetland ecosystems, and
- WHEREAS, the harvest of this renewable resource is important in providing supplemental income to citizens of the state while furnishing an essential management tool to reduce nuisance wildlife problems, foster wetlands biodiversity, and provide cultural and economic benefits to the citizens of the state, and
- WHEREAS, regulated alligator sustainable use management programs developed during the past 30 seasons have built an industry that is unique and exceptional, and
- WHEREAS, historical and current information collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have indicated that the optimum time frame for the harvest of alligators is the month of September, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2004 Wild Alligator Harvest Season, statewide from official sunrise September 1, 2004 through official sunset September 30, 2004.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay, extend,

close or reopen this season based on technical data or if enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2004 Wild Alligator Harvest Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2004 wild alligator harvest season.

The 2004 wild alligator harvest season shall be from official sunrise September 1, 2004 through official sunset September 30, 2004. Alligators taken from the wild may be removed from hook and line and taken with other legal capture devices only during daylight hours between official sunrise and official sunset.

Emergency procedures are necessary to allow Department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay, extend, close or reopen this season based on technical data or if enforcement problems develop.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Declaration of Emergency - Set 2004-2005 Fur Trapping Season was handled by Mr. Greg Linscombe. He began giving a brief highlight of the 2003-2004 season. There were a total of 1,432 licensed trappers that harvested 356,429 animals. This was the highest harvest over the last 7 years. Total value to the trappers was just over \$2 million, which was up about \$500,000 from the previous season. A big part of the increase was the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, and most furbearer prices were slightly higher. The nutria control program resulted in 332,556 animals taken with an average price paid to the trappers of \$1.92. Out of that

332,000, about 77,000 made it to the market for pelts. Mr. Linscombe then reported, from the Nutria Control program, the harvest was worth \$1.3 million in incentives with 346 participants. Eighty-six percent of the harvest came from the southeast portion of the state where the most damage from nutria occurs. Harvest method was about 48 percent trapping and 52 percent shooting. He then discussed a map that was presented to the Commission. It was hoped to have someone trapping on all lands that have nutria damage this upcoming year. The vegetative survey, flown in April and May, was positive, showing 16,906 acres were impacted compared to 21,888 acres a year ago. The overall health of the marsh has improved this year over 2003. Otter prices continue to be high and increasing with over 5,700 animals taken. The average price was \$86 for the trappers which related that the value of the otter harvest was about \$500,000. Bobcat harvest doubled which was due to a price increase to \$37 this past season. Mr. Linscombe then recommended the trapping season dates to be November 20, 2004 through March 31, 2005. Chairman Busbice asked what was the beaver price. Mr. Linscombe stated beaver take was up, but the price was not as high as hoped with it being right under \$4. The Chairman then asked Mr. Linscombe to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Feltermann. This motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2004-2005 Fur Trapping Season adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:259(A) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of nongame quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 (D) of the Administrative Procedure Act allows the Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana has historically led the nation in the production of wild fur with value to the trappers as high as \$24 million in some seasons, and
- WHEREAS, the harvest of this renewable resource is important in providing supplemental income to citizens of the state

while furnishing an essential management tool to reduce nuisance wildlife problems, property damage, the impact of prey species, the incident of density dependent disease and provide a measure of population health and general condition, and

WHEREAS, regulated trapping provides the only practical control of muskrat and nutria populations, an essential part of any effort to protect or enhance coastal wetlands. The role of such trapping cannot be overstated because of the rate of wetland loss and the impact that these wetland grazers are having in southeastern parishes, and

WHEREAS, during the 2004-2005 trapping season, the department will continue the Coastwide Nutria Control Program providing an incentive payment of \$4.00 per nutria tail to participants for up to 400,000 nutria with the objective of reducing damage to coastal wetlands, and

WHEREAS, the increased commercial harvest of beaver can play a major role in assisting in the reduction of damage to timber, agriculture, drainage, and wildlife habitat, and

WHEREAS, historical and current information collected by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries have indicated that the optimum timeframe for the harvest of furbearers is between November and March each year, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2004-2005 fur harvest season, statewide from November 20, 2004 through March 31, 2005.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the trapping season in any area of the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2004-2005 fur harvest season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:259(A) which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open

season for the taking of non-game quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year and in accordance with emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2004-2005 fur harvest season, statewide from November 20, 2004 through March 31, 2005. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the adopted season.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Notice of Intent - Moratorium on Commercial Take of Alligator Snapping Turtle began with Mr. Brandt Savoie reminding the Commission they passed a motion, at the request of the Legislature, to develop a Notice of Intent. This proposal was the Department's attempt to reflect the Commission's wishes. Discussions have been held with Enforcement and the Legal Section. The Notice of Intent would do away with commercial take of wild alligator snapping turtles without affecting those who have turtle farms and to continue a recreational harvest of those turtles. During the discussions, a penalty clause was attached to the proposal. Chairman Busbice asked what would be the impact? Mr. Savoie answered there would be very little impact since there were very few people that took those turtles from the wild commercially. Also, after contacting commercial fishermen, they reported it would not hurt their business. This proposal was brought before the Reptile and Amphibian Task Force and they agreed with the action. However, they indicated they would want to make other changes. Mr. Savoie then asked the Commission to denote an agreement that this proposal was their intent.

Mr. Theron Majors, Chairman of the Reptile and Amphibian Task Force, stated they had a meeting on June 22 and voted to endorse the recommendation of the Department. Also, the Task Force asked that language that would allow certified zoos, aquariums, universities, research and nature centers be exempted from the take limits. It was also requested that additional language be added that would further define the commercial take of alligator snapping turtles. That language should read, "taking, attempting to take, possessing or killing of alligator snapping turtles, their eggs, or any parts thereof for sale or monetary value". The last change was making the recreational limit to one animal per vehicle per day. These changes were agreed upon unanimously by the Task Force. Chairman Busbice asked if the language was not included. Mr. Majors stated some of the language in the Notice of Intent was very similar to their proposal. The main difference was the take of one animal per day which right now allowed the take of four animals per

day. Mr. Savoie stated the reason for not including the Task Force's language was the Commission had already passed a motion. If the additional language was wanted, then another motion was needed and staff would incorporate them into the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to include the language from the Reptile and Amphibian Task Force into the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Mr. Rick Bryant, Chairman of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation's Committee on Water Resources, stated on behalf of the Federation, he recommended a moratorium on the commercial harvest of the alligator snapping turtle. He also recommended going with the restrictions of recreational take of one per day per vehicle. On his own behalf, Mr. Bryant asked the Commission to consider changing the recreational harvest of no size limit to a size limit under 16 inch carapace. He noted the turtle was a tremendously slow reproducing specie and there was a need to keep as many adults as possible.

Commissioner Mouton asked if the regulation of one per vehicle included one per boat also. Mr. Savoie stated it included a boat, car, truck or whatever type vehicle.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission do hereby advertise their intent to place a moratorium on the commercial harvest from the wild of Alligator Snapping Turtles.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XV. REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

Chapter 1. Guidelines

§101. Recreational and Commercial Harvests; Prohibitions

A.-F. * * *

G. Turtle Rules and Regulations

1. ***

2. Alligator Snapping Turtle (Macroclemys temmincki)

a. ~~Size Limit Commercial take prohibited.~~

~~i. No person shall commercially take, possess, sell, purchase, trade, barter, or exchange alligator snapping turtles, their eggs, or any parts thereof. Except that nothing herein shall prohibit the legal commercial sale, and possession of alligator snapping turtles by licensed Turtle Farmers as provided in R.S. 56:632 et seq. and R.S. 3:2358.1 et seq. which were legally acquired prior to the effective date of this closure or imported legally into this state which have proper records as provided for in 56:637. all turtles shall be 15 inches carapace length or greater (all turtles less than 15 inches shall be released at the time of capture).~~

~~(a). Reptile and Amphibian Collector's License is required as provided in R.S. 56:632.4 (\$25).~~

~~(b). Holder of a collector's license shall not possess turtles less than 15 inches carapace length by claiming provisions of G.2.a.ii.~~

~~(c). Carapace length measures the straight line distance along the midline of the carapace.~~

~~b. ii. Recreational Take and Possession Limit: There shall be no size limit on recreationally taken alligator snapping turtles (Macroclemys temmincki). no size limit. Basic recreational fishing license is required as provided in R.S. 56:632.1. No person shall take or possess an alligator snapping turtle taken with commercial gear. No person shall take or possess in the field more than one alligator snapping turtle (Macroclemys temmincki), per boat or vehicle per day. Certified zoos, aquariums, universities, research and nature centers will be exempted from take limits.~~

~~iii. Reptile and Amphibian Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License is required as provided in R.S. 56:632.5.~~

~~(a). Mandatory records include weights and carapace length measurements recorded by Reptile and Amphibian Wholesale/Retail Dealer at the time of purchase, to be available for department inspection upon demand.~~

~~(b). Size restriction and measuring equipment effective for a three year period (January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1998); following that period an evaluation of size limit shall be evaluated by the department.~~

b. ~~Possession Limit~~

~~i. Recreational take: four per day per person.~~

~~ii. Commercial take: no limit on numbers taken.~~

H.-J. ***

K. Whoever violates the provisions of this rule shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not less than thirty days, or both.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10), (13), (15) and (25), R.S. 56:23, and R.S. 56:632.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 20:1135 (October 1994), amended LR 30: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Brandt Savoie, Fur & Refuge Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, September 2, 2004.

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R. S. 49:972(B).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman
Dwight Landreneau
Secretary

Before moving on, the Chairman requested a motion to take a recess. A motion was made by Commissioner Mouton, seconded by Commissioner Sagrera and it was approved with no opposition. After a brief recess, the Chairman reconvened the meeting.

Notice of Intent - Commercial Season, Spotted Seatrout was presented by Mr. Randy Pausina. He stated this proposal came about

because of Act 1164 of the 2003 Legislative Session. The proposed rule provides for a longer fishing season, shifts the season further into the spring and early summer months, prohibits a person from holding both a charter boat fishing guide license and a spotted seatrout permit in the same license period, defines allowable commercial activities regarding spotted seatrout during an open and closed season, and deletes repetitive language that already appears in Title 56. Commissioner Stone asked if all of the changes were from the Legislature. Mr. Pausina answered yes. Then Commissioner Stone asked if the season had to be extended since he was not in favor of extending a commercial season. Mrs. Karen Foote noted the law states the season shall be this and the Commission shall set it as that. A Declaration of Emergency was promulgated to cover the last season. Commissioner Stone then felt it was something the Commission had to do and Mrs. Foote agreed. Chairman Busbice then asked Mr. Pausina to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Felterman. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

COMMERCIAL SPOTTED SEATROUT SEASON

July 1, 2004

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Legislature has directed the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, through adoption of Act 1164 of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session (R.S. 56:325.3), to modify the currently established commercial spotted seatrout season, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby proposes to modify season regulations for the commercial harvest of spotted seatrout in Louisiana state waters as set forth in the attached Notice of Intent, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the commercial spotted seatrout harvest, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of

Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Notice of Intent is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend a Rule, LAC 76:VII.341, modifying the existing rule. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§341. Spotted Seatrout Management Measures

A. Commercial Season; Quota; Permits

1. ~~The season for the commercial taking of spotted seatrout shall begin at sunrise on the third Monday in November of each year, and close at sunset on April 30 the following year or when the quota has been reached or on the date projected by the staff of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the quota will be reached, whichever occurs first. The commercial season for spotted seatrout whether taken from within or without Louisiana state waters shall remain closed until January 2 of each year, when it shall open and remain open through July 31 of each year, or until the quota is reached, or on the date projected by the staff of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the quota will be reached, whichever comes first.~~

~~2. There shall be no commercial taking of spotted seatrout during the period after sunset and before sunrise.~~

32. The commercial quota for spotted seatrout shall be 1,000,000 pounds for each fishing season.

43. Permits

a. The commercial taking of spotted seatrout is prohibited except by special nontransferable Spotted Seatrout Permit issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at the cost of \$100 for residents of this state and \$400 for those who are nonresidents. This permit, along with other applicable licenses, authorizes the bearer to sell his spotted seatrout catch.

b. No person shall be issued a license or permit for the commercial taking of spotted seatrout unless that person meets all of the following requirements:

i. The person shall provide proof that he purchased a valid Louisiana commercial saltwater gill net license in any two of the years 1995, 1994, and 1993.

ii. The person shall show that he derived more than 50 percent of his earned income from the legal capture and sale of seafood species in any two of the years 1995, 1994, and 1993. Proof of such income shall be provided by the applicant using any of the methods listed below:

(a). Method 1. Applicant shall submit to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (Licensing Section) a copy of his federal income tax return including all attachments (i.e. Schedule C of federal form 1040, form W-2, etc.), which has been certified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

(b). Method 2. Applicant shall submit to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (Licensing Section) a copy of his federal income tax return including all attachments (i.e. Schedule C of federal form 1040, form W-2, etc.), which has been filed and stamped "received" at a local IRS office accompanied by a signed cover letter acknowledging receipt by the IRS.

(c). Method 3. Applicant shall submit to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (Licensing Section) a signed copy of his federal tax return including all attachments (i.e. Schedule C of federal form 1040, form W-2, etc.) along with an IRS stamped transcript and IRS signed cover letter. Transcripts are available at local IRS offices.

iii. The Socioeconomic Section of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Office of Management and Finance, will review the submitted tax return information and

determine applicant's eligibility as defined by R.S. 56:325.3 D(1)(b).

iv. The person shall not have applied for or received any assistance pursuant to R.S. 56:13.1(C).

v. The applicant shall not have been convicted of any fishery-related violations that constitute a class three or greater violation.

c. No person shall receive more than one permit or license to commercially take spotted seatrout.

~~d. Any person convicted of any offense involving fisheries laws or regulations shall forfeit any permit or license issued to commercially take spotted seatrout and shall be forever barred from receiving any permit or license to commercially take spotted seatrout.~~

d. No person shall qualify for a charter boat fishing guide license and a spotted seatrout permit during the same licensure period.

~~B. Commercial Taking of Spotted Seatrout Using Mullet Strike Nets, Seasons~~

~~1. There shall be two seasons for the commercial harvest of spotted seatrout with a mullet strike net: the first season shall open on Monday, November 20, 1995, and end no later than March 1, 1996, the second season shall open on Monday, November 18, 1996, and end no later than March 1, 1997. Such seasons shall be closed prior to the dates listed in this paragraph if:~~

~~a. 1,000,000 pounds of spotted seatrout have been taken commercially during a fishing season, or~~

~~b. on the date projected by the staff of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries that the quota will be reached, whichever occurs first. The closure shall not take effect for at least 72 hours after notice to the public.~~

~~2. During these two seasons the commercial harvest of spotted seatrout with mullet strike nets shall not be allowed during the period from 5 a.m. on Saturday through 6 p.m. on Sunday. There shall be no commercial taking of spotted seatrout during the period after sunset and before sunrise.~~

~~3. The commercial taking of spotted seatrout by using a mullet strike net in excess of 1200 feet in length is prohibited. Furthermore, use of more than one mullet strike net from any vessel~~

~~at any time is prohibited, and use of monofilament strike nets is also prohibited.~~

~~4. Each mullet strike net shall have attached to it a tag issued by the department which states the name, address, and social security number of the owner of the net and the permit number of the permit issued to commercially take spotted seatrout. The department shall not issue any tag to a person who does not have a social security number.~~

~~C. Commercial Taking of Spotted Seatrout Using Other Commercial Gear~~

~~1. There shall be no commercial taking of spotted seatrout during the period after sunset and before sunrise.~~

~~2. During the 1995-1996 season for harvest of spotted seatrout with a mullet strike net, all other legal methods of harvest may also be used until March 1, 1996. After that date, only commercial rod and reel may be used for the commercial harvest of spotted seatrout, provided that the commercial harvest of spotted seatrout does not exceed the commercial quota.~~

~~3. During the 1996-1997 season for commercial harvest of spotted seatrout with a mullet strike net, only a mullet strike net or a commercial rod and reel may be used for the commercial harvest of spotted seatrout provided the commercial harvest of spotted seatrout does not exceed the commercial quota.~~

~~4. Following the closure of the 1996-1997 season for the harvest of spotted seatrout with a mullet strike net, only a commercial rod and reel shall be used for the commercial harvest of spotted seatrout, provided the commercial harvest of spotted seatrout does not exceed the commercial quota.~~

~~DB. General Provisions. Effective with the closure of the commercial season for spotted seatrout, there shall be a prohibition of the commercial take from Louisiana waters, and the possession of spotted seatrout on the waters of the state with commercial gear in possession. Nothing shall prohibit the possession, sale, barter or exchange off the water of spotted seatrout legally taken during any open period provided that those who are required to do so shall maintain appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.4 and R.S. 56:345 and be properly licensed in accordance with R.S. 56:303 or R.S. 56:306. The commercial closure shall apply to spotted seatrout taken, landed or possessed on the water whether taken from within or without Louisiana waters. Effective with the closure, no person shall commercially harvest, take, land or possess spotted seatrout in excess of a recreational limit in Louisiana. Effective with the commercial closure no person shall sell, barter, trade, exchange, purchase or attempt to sell, barter, trade, exchange or purchase~~

spotted seatrout. Nothing herein shall prohibit the purchase, sale, barter or exchange of spotted seatrout off the water by licensed commercial dealers taken during any open period or which are legally imported into the state if appropriate records are properly maintained in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6 and those that are required to do so shall be properly licensed in accordance with R.S. 56:303, 56:306 or 56:306.1.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Act Number 157 of the 1991 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, R.S. 56:6(25)(a); R.S. 56:325.3; R.S. 56:326.3; and Act 1316 of the 1995 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:325.3; and Act 1164 of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:199 (February 1992), amended LR 22:238 (March 1996), LR 24:360 (February 1998), LR 26:2333 (October 2000), LR 30: (July 2004), LR 30: ().

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Harry Blanchet, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, September 3, 2004.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Marty Bourgeois began the next item, a **Resolution - 2004 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season**, stating the Resolution would authorize the Secretary to set the fall inshore shrimp season by Declaration of Emergency if sufficient quantities of marketable shrimp are available for harvest before the August Commission Meeting. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Felterman made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2004 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
adopted by the
Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

July 1, 2004

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to fix no less than two open shrimp seasons each calendar year for all inside waters by zone, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides that shrimp season openings shall be based on biological and technical data which indicate that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities, are available for harvest, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:497 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may delegate to the Secretary the powers, duties and authorities to fix open seasons for all or part of the state waters, and

WHEREAS, significant numbers of juvenile white shrimp have recruited into inside waters much earlier this spring when compared with historic data and rapid growth may occur provided favorable environmental conditions exist, and

WHEREAS, current biological sampling conducted by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has indicated that white shrimp in inside waters may potentially reach harvestable sizes and average 100 count per pound minimum size or larger on or before the August 5th monthly Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with public notification provisions specified in R.S. 56:497, that the Commission authorizes the Secretary, through Declaration of Emergency, to open and close the 2004 fall shrimp season in inside waters provided technical and biological data indicate that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities are available for harvest, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate a Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission also grants authority to the

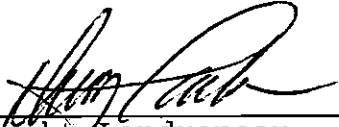
Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates if biological or technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop and to close and reopen all or parts of state outside waters if significant numbers of small white shrimp are found in these waters.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **November 2004 Meeting** on Thursday, November 4, 2004, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Busbice then asked for **Public Comments** and none were heard.

There being no further business, Commissioner Felterman made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Mouton.


Dwight Landreneau
Secretary

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday July 1 2004

Chairman Bill Busbice Jr presiding

Lee Felterman
Henry Mouton
Wayne Sagrera
Jerry Stone

Secretary Dwight Landreneau was also present

Commissioner Terry Denmon was absent from the meeting

Chairman Busbice called for a motion for approval of the **June 8 2004 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Sagrera and seconded by Commissioner Stone. The motion passed with no opposition.

Under **Commission Special Announcements**, Chairman Busbice asked Mr Phil Bowman to introduce Mr David Moreland. He began stating Mr Tommy Prickett administrator of the Wildlife Division retired and has gone to enjoy other things. This left a significant void in the Office of Wildlife. A number of qualified candidates were interested in the position. The Department selected Mr David Moreland the Deer Study Biologist to be the new Administrator for the Wildlife Division. Chairman Busbice stated he has worked with Mr Moreland and knew him to be very respected and knowledgeable about the game species.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for June** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers were issued during June

Region I Minden - 56 citations 11 warnings and 1 public assist

Region II - Monroe - 63 citations 11 warnings and 5 public assists

Region III - Alexandria 170 citations 8 warnings and 4 public assists

Region IV Ferriday 82 citations 31 warnings and 8 public assists

Region V - Lake Charles - 135 citations, 17 warnings and 8 public assists.

Region VI - Opelousas - 151 citations, 50 warnings and 10 public assists.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 189 citations, 10 warnings and 15 public assists.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 228 citations, 48 warnings and 7 public assists.

Region IX - Schriever - 194 citations, 22 warnings and 15 public assists.

Oyster Strike Force - 33 citations and 7 warnings.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 43 citations.

SWEP - 15 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 19 citations, 8 warnings and 5 public assists.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of June was 1,268. Also 204 warning citations were issued and agents helped with 73 public assist cases.

The aviation report for June 2004 showed enforcement pilots flew two airplanes a total of 29.2 hours for enforcement and 8.7 hours for other divisions. No citations were issued.

Public Comments - 2004-05 Hunting Seasons began with the Chairman stating he would take comments on the hunting season dates.

Mr. Keith Jobert, Church Point, stated he wanted to comment on the move made to take the easternmost portion of Area 8 and put it into Area 2. He reminded the Commission he was the person that made a presentation several years ago on creating the new Area 8. The information presented on the rut at that time was 100 percent accurate according to Mr. Tommy Prickett. Mr. Jobert then stated he was aware of the reasons for the petition this time was due to the mosquitoes and to hunt during colder weather. He again checked with staff to find out if the rut was earlier in October and both Mr. Prickett and Mr. David Moreland agreed. Mr. Jobert asked the Commission to leave that area in Area 8 and base it upon statistics instead of fighting mosquitoes or West Nile Virus.

Mr. Harry Evans, Moss Bluff, stated he also wanted to comment on the Area 8 move. He stated he was involved in a group that wanted to look at the petitions that requested the move. The copy he was shown did not actually contain 600 names as was previously stated.

His group has been contacted by more and more hunters who have just found out about the move and they were not in favor of it. Mr. Evans appealed to the Commission not to make this move "a done deal". He then noted they contacted several people that signed the petition and, given the facts, they stated they would not have signed the petition if they had known they would miss the rut and the seasons were already being adjusted. Again he asked to leave Area 8 alone this year and then get the biologists and everyone else involved next year and approach from a different angle. Mr. Evans concluded stating the Department's website was incorrect up until a few days prior to the meeting and those hunters did not know and did not have a chance to comment.

Mr. Rene Thibodaux, Pointe Coupee Parish, stated he hunts Area 6 and felt the Commission was taking away the most precious time for a bowhunter to be in the woods and that was the days prior to squirrel hunters going into the area. He then asked that this time not be taken away from them. Mr. Thibodaux added there was no biological reason for the move. He felt moving the bow season into February was just a waste of time. He asked for a full week prior to the opening of squirrel season. On the question of whether the numbers of deer have gone down in Area 6 due to bowhunters, Mr. Thibodaux felt they had not. Another possible solution was to move the opening of squirrel season only in Area 6 back.

Mr. Brad Thibodaux, Area 6, stated House Bill 375 was to get rid of the 6 point restriction in the tri-parish area. His concern on the law would make any future antler restrictions uniform statewide and would take the decision out of the hands of the Commission. Mr. Thibodaux also commented that Senator Marionneaux wanted to abolish the Commission. Again this meeting, he talked about rabbit hunting and asked to extend that season to March 15.

Mr. Roland Dugas, a hunter in Area 6, began congratulating Mr. Moreland on his position. He noted Mr. Moreland did a study in Area 6 to find out the rut period. A recommendation for the deer season was to begin November 1 and end the last day of February and most of the hunters supported that study. Mr. Dugas appreciated the Commission's compromise to coincide the season with the study and the fact that they listened to the biologists.

Mr. Bill Shockey, a hunter in Area 6, commended the Commission for the proposed changes in Area 6. He stated that Mr. Moreland made a presentation in April and reported three fetuses were taken from Pointe Coupee Parish and all of their dates of conception were in February. Mr. Shockey then disagreed with an earlier speaker that the "sweet spot" was the few days that bowhunters might get in the woods before squirrel season opened. He felt the "sweet spot" was actually in February when no one hunts.

Mr. Johnny Pourciau, a hunter in Area 6, disagreed with Mr. Shockey. He felt the best part of bowhunting was getting in the

woods before scent was all in the woods. He applauded extending the squirrel season, but asked why not open that season one week later and leave the bow season in the front. Mr. Pourciau also felt the few days to hunt in February was a waste of time.

Mr. Andrew Busch, a hunting club manager in Area 6, stated the proposed dates for muzzleloader of December 6-10, Monday through Friday, was like being sandwiched between the gun still season and the dog season. A weekend of hunting was taken from his club members that have to work Monday through Friday. All of those hunters felt they were being discriminated against and would not muzzleloader hunt. This may result in loss of revenues for the Department. Summing up, Mr. Busch felt there would be a loss from hunters, revenue and harvesting of does. He then asked for the weekend of December 4 & 5 along with those other 5 days.

Mr. Brian Bergeron, a hunter in Area 6, asked that the bow season be set for October 1 through the end of January. He noted they do not want February dates, they want October. He then suggested looking at club records and seeing when deer were killed with a bow and noted they were killed in October. Mr. Bergeron asked that the season be kept the way it was in the past and not be in the woods when squirrel and rabbit hunters were in the woods with their dogs.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Jimmy Anthony to present the next two items, a **Rule Ratification - 2004-05 Hunting Seasons** and **Rule Ratification - General & WMA Hunting Rules & Regulations**. Mr. Anthony stated that the Lake Ophelia dates discussed at the last meeting needed to be revisited. The correct dates for Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge should be December 11-12, January 8-9, and January 15-16. He then asked for a motion to correct those dates. Commissioner Felterman made a motion correcting the dates for Lake Ophelia. Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Then Mr. Anthony stated the Department has received no further comments and had no additional recommendations. He then added staff was ready to proceed with the recommendations as amended.

Commissioner Sagrera stated the correspondence he has received on the Area 8 move into Area 2 has been 90 to 95 percent against. He then asked Mr. Dave Moreland if the decision was made in haste or did the Department still recommend that move. Mr. Moreland stated that recommendation was based on information received from March until May. He added that the group requesting the move was informed they would be missing the peak of the rutting activity but it was not a major concern for them. Again he stated the decision was based on the support shown prior to that time. Commissioner Sagrera then asked about all of the comments on bowhunting. Mr. Moreland stated the breeding activity in the upper portion of Area 6 is basically January and February and when October comes around, that puts the fawns one month old. From a biological standpoint,

it was not recommended to shoot does that are still nursing fawns. The comment made the impact of bowhunting was not that great, Mr. Moreland stated, as a biologist, he was concerned with animal welfare.

Commissioner Mouton stated he wanted to propose extensions to the deer hunting seasons. The extensions would be for 5 to 7 days and would not cause much harm to the deer herd. Commissioner Mouton felt his responsibility was to create more hunting opportunity for the sportsmen. He then stated he would make his recommendations area by area. For Area 1, Commissioner Mouton made a motion to have the muzzleloader season run from January 24-January 30, still hunt days would be from January 10-January 23, and with or without dogs would be from December 4-January 9. Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. Then on Area 2, Commissioner Mouton made a motion to change the muzzleloader season to January 17-January 23 and have with or without dogs run from December 4-January 16. This motion added 9 days of hunting with or without dogs in Area 2. Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Area 3 still hunt dates were changed to December 4-January 9 which added 7 days to this area. Commissioner Mouton made a motion as noted and it was seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. This motion also passed with no opposition. Still hunt days in Area 4 was changed as a motion by Commissioner Mouton to November 13-January 9. Mr. Anthony noted that the muzzleloader dates would have to be changed if the additional days were added to Area 4. After discussing the muzzleloader dates for Area 4, those dates were changed to read January 10-January 19 and this was included in Commissioner Mouton's motion. Again Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Mouton noted Area 5 would not change, but made a motion for Area 6 to change muzzleloader first split to October 30-November 5 and change still hunt to November 6-December 10. Commissioner Sagrera stated this change in the muzzleloader season would address the concern of not having a weekend to hunt. He then seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. For Area 7, Commissioner Mouton made a motion to change the with or without dogs hunt to November 29-January 2 and it was seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. The motion passed with no opposition. The next change was for Area 8, changing the with or without dogs hunt to December 4-January 9. A motion was made by Commissioner Mouton and seconded by Commissioner Sagrera to cover this change. The motion passed with no opposition. Commissioner Mouton then noted he received about 200 petitions from hunters on the Kisatchie National Forest hunting dates. He made a motion to add December 11-12, bucks only, with or without dogs and December 27-January 4 and January 8-9, bucks only, with or without dogs to the Catahoula and Winn Districts within the Kisatchie Forest. Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The last change for Kisatchie National Forest was on the Evangeline Unit by adding December 18-19, bucks only, with or without dogs and to go from December 26-January 4, bucks only, with or without dogs.

Mr. Phil Bowman asked the Commission to postpone ratifying the changes listed until the next meeting so the public could comment on those changes. He added that the actions could be ratified as a Declaration of Emergency. Chairman Busbice agreed with Mr. Bowman but added that they were just giving more days. Mr. Bowman realized more days and more opportunity was being given to the public, but he still wanted to allow the public the chance to participate. Chairman Busbice felt there may be a problem with taking away days, but since days were being added, he would allow the Commission to speak. Commissioner Stone felt there may be some problems since several dates were shifted and a lot of hunters have already made their plans. He suggested waiting until next year to make this proposal. Commissioner Mouton wanted to proceed so, if vacation schedules would have to be changed, there would be an extra month of not knowing the season dates. Also, he agreed that hunting opportunities were being given. Commissioner Stone felt if the initiation days did not change and dates were only added at the end, he would not have a problem. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to change the Kisatchie Evangeline Unit season dates. Commissioner Sagrera seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Mr. Anthony felt one problem that may arise was from the move on the opening date of still hunt back two weeks. Mr. Bowman reminded the Commission when the change in Area 8 to Area 2 was made, the main complaint was the hunters vacations were already scheduled and it could not be changed. Commissioner Mouton felt there was a need to go ahead and make these changes. Commissioner Stone asked Mr. Moreland what kind of impact would there be with the additional days. Mr. Moreland felt the big change in Area 6 would be different since the staff has been trying to work toward a later framework. Harvest records indicate that kills occur when the rut is going on and the deer are more active. Chairman Busbice opened the discussion for public comments denoting again that hunting opportunities have been added.

Mr. John Pourciau felt the move on the muzzleloader season in Area 6 was a good idea. He stated that bowhunters can spot a doe with fawns even when the fawns are not present. He then asked about the unborn fawns or a doe that has been bred by a quality buck that may be killed. Chairman Busbice stated he understood the comments on the bow season. He added they received a lot of comments on the opening of the bow season and about 80 percent were for the move to February 15. Chairman Busbice asked the hunters to try this change for a year and see what happens. He suggested petitioning the Department and see about revisiting the situation next year. Mr. Pourciau noted they were looking at the overall welfare of the deer itself.

Mr. Rene Thibodaux stated he does not see the 80-20 percent in Pointe Coupee and West Baton Rouge Parishes. Again, he emphasized more does are being killed in October by bowhunters than any other month. After looking at the records for bucks harvested in Pointe Coupee Parish, there were 5 killed. One was killed in January, 1

in November and the other 3 were taken in October. Mr. Thibodaux restated they only hunt with a bow in October and that could not be replaced by adding days in February. Chairman Busbice suggested to Mr. Thibodaux going through the upcoming season as it passed, but if it does not work, then go to the public hearings and voice your opinions.

An Unidentified Speaker stated the odds of killing a deer with a bow when squirrel hunters with their dogs are in the woods was tremendous.

Mr. Brad Thibodaux asked that the bow hunting dates be read again. Mr. Anthony read those dates and was asked by Commissioner Mouton if the lower portion of Area 6 was different from the northern portion. Mr. Anthony stated the lower portion of Area 6 has a later rutting period. Commissioner Mouton stated the Commission could only do what they felt was right.

Mr. Cal Baker, Staff Officer with Kisatchie National Forest, stated he wanted to speak on the changes to the dog deer hunting on those lands. The Forest does not favor neither an increase nor a decrease in the number of dog deer hunting days. He then reiterated the Forest's previous concerns over the increase in days. All deer browse surveys indicate there is a low number of deer on the Forest which could be attributed in part to dog deer hunting. The Kisatchie National Forest is the only public land that allows dog deer hunting which results in higher hunting pressure. Mr. Baker relayed they receive numerous complaints about dog deer hunting activities such as firearms use, road blockages, and aggressive pursuits of deer and dogs on and off the roads. Also there is a significant law enforcement burden with dog deer hunting. He then stated that if dog deer hunting was a good idea on Forest lands, then the state of Louisiana should open their public lands to that activity. Mr. Baker also felt the public was not being given a chance to voice their concerns with the changes. He knew there may be a petition to increase the number of dog deer days, but felt there was an equal number of people that have concerns with this type of hunting. Mr. Baker read from a Memorandum of Understanding between the Department and the Forest Service signed in 1985 which referred to the contacting of the Service on pertinent changes to state laws that affects management of the forest. He stated the changes had no biological basis and was in fact contrary to biological findings. Browse surveys conducted on the forest by Department staff and Service personnel during the previous year showed the results were consistent with earlier surveys that showed low browse utilization and low deer numbers. The Service felt the number of dog deer days needed to be looked at but it needed to be looked at together with limiting the training of deer dogs and identifying possible areas with private residences that may need to be excluded from dog deer activities. Concluding, Mr. Baker stated the Service is obligated to work with the Department and the Commission. He strongly recommended

rescinding the additional dog deer days on Kisatchie. Chairman Busbice stated the Commission did not add a lot of days to the schedule and there are a lot of people that want to use those lands that have used them for lots of years. The Chairman felt Mr. Baker was wrong in referring to the extra days as dog deer days, he noted it was deer hunting with or without dogs. He added that the Commission was speaking for those people who have contacted them year after year wanting a few extra days of hunting on Kisatchie. Commissioner Mouton stated a lot of the comments he received were not just from dog hunters but were still hunters. Mr. Baker again stated the changes were made without consultation with the Forest and over their objections. Commissioner Stone asked if the browse study was accurate and was the deer herd in trouble? Mr. Moreland stated the findings were directly related to the forestry management and until that management changes, the forest becomes more and more open with little cover. This results in low utilization of the forest by the deer which further equates to a low deer population.

Mr. Keith Jobert asked if the easternmost portion of Area 8 was in Area 2 and could it be changed. Mr. Anthony stated that was in the permanent rule and could not be changed. Mr. Jobert stated in that area, there were 101 deer killed in October and in November there were 109 killed. He asked to change the season that opens on October 30 to open on October 23.

Mr. Marty Calloway, an Area 8 hunter, stated he loves to hunt deer with dogs. He expressed his appreciation for the few extra days of hunting that was given.

Mr. Andrew Busch expressed to Commissioner Mouton he was very pleased with the recommendation for Area 6.

An Unidentified Speaker asked if Commissioner Mouton knew that with his changes, the bow season was cut another two weeks by moving muzzleloader season to October 30. Chairman Busbice commented that Louisiana has one of the longest bow seasons in the country. He asked the hunters to try it for a year.

Hearing no further comments, Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Anthony to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion for the rule on Hunting and WMA Rules and Regulations. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Sagrera. The motion passed with no opposition. Then Mr. Anthony read the Therefore Be It Resolved for the 2004-05 season dates and bag limits. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it also passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolutions and Rules are made a part of the record.)

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), repromulgated LR 25:1526 (August 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1521 (August 2003), LR 30: (July 2004).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Public Comments - Changes to DMAP and LADT Regulations began with Mr. Dave Moreland reminding the Commission a Notice of Intent was presented at the last meeting for those two programs. A meeting was held and the staff reported very few comments were received. Mr. Moreland felt he received the most comments on DMAP with 10 during June--2 for the proposal, 5 were against and 3 needed more information. He then read several comments he received. All of the 17 comments on the LADT program have been positive and asked how they could get involved.

Mr. Brad Thibodaux stated the objective of DMAP was to harvest a certain number of does. He did not see any harm in allowing the rest of the doe tags be filled out when the latter part of January comes around.

Mr. Daniel Neuwhatney stated he was against the DMAP changes. He felt hunters could hunt trophy bucks, and then toward the end of the season, be able to shoot 7 or 8 more deer. He stated if he was only allowed to take 6 deer, then everyone should only be allowed to take 6 deer.

Tentative Dates for Early Season Migratory Birds (Dove, Rail, Snipe, Gallinule, Woodcock & Teal) began with Mr. Mike Olinde telling the Commission the dates for these birds needed to be to the Fish and Wildlife Service before August 1, which would be before the Commission met again. The Resolution would allow the Secretary to enact a Declaration of Emergency to set those dates or to adjust the dates if the Fish and Wildlife Service changed the proposed framework. The mourning dove recommendation was a statewide, 70 day split season, with 12 bird bag limit, 24 possession limit. The dates would be September 4-September 12, October 9-November 14 and December 18-January 10. Hunting hours would be noon to sunset on opening weekends of each split and sunrise to sunset for the remainder of the season. Chairman Busbice asked Mr. Olinde to explain the Eurasian collared and ringed-tailed doves. He then asked how does someone tell the

difference between the two. Mr. Olinde stated the Eurasian collared dove was much bigger and is buffed color with a flat tail instead of a pointed tail. Commissioner Sagrera asked if action was needed on each specie individually. Mr. Olinde stated they could be discussed individually and then voted on all together. Commissioner Sagrera stated he wanted to push the dove season back based on comments he has received. He recommended having a very short first split and then add those extra days on the back side when more birds are available to hunt. He then made a motion to set the dove season for September 4-September 6, October 16-November 28 and December 18-January 9. Commissioner Mouton stated he has talked to north Louisiana hunters and this could allow them the opportunity to hunt during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. He felt Commissioner Sagrera's motion was a fair compromise and he seconded the motion. Commissioner Stone asked if there was any Department comment on the change. Mr. Olinde stated if there was to only be a 3 day first split, Commissioner Sagrera's approach was good since it took in both holidays. The motion passed with no opposition. Then Mr. Olinde stated a September teal season can be held when the population is above 3.3 million birds and the very preliminary estimate was 4 million. The recommendation for teal season was a 9 day season to cover the last two weekends in September with the dates of September 18-September 26. The rail and gallinule seasons can have split seasons, so the recommendation was to have a September 18-September 26 season. The remainder of the season for rails and gallinules would be set with the big duck season. Woodcock season was a 45 day season running from December 18-January 31. Snipe season was deferred until the next meeting. Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to accept the seasons with the stipulated change in the dove season. Mr. Olinde read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

JULY 1, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission meeting in Baton Rouge, LA July 1, 2004.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, D.C. have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Commission does hereby adopt the presented tentative season dates for migratory birds which are made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

- (1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and
- (2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Bill A. Busbice Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

Mr. Noel Kinler presented the next item, a **Declaration of Emergency - Setting the 2004 Wild Alligator Harvest Season**. He began stating results of the September 2003 season showed more than 28,500 wild alligators were harvested which averaged 7.2 feet. This total was 2,000 down from the previous season due to habitat changes that were incorporated into the tag allotment schedule. An additional 3,000 bonus tags, geared to harvesting alligators in the 4 to 5 foot class, were issued. Estimated hide meat value from 2003 was \$6.2 million. Prices have declined substantially to an average low of \$13 in 2003. Mr. Kinler listed several reasons for price

reduction was due to overall world economic conditions, war on terror and an increase in Cayman and crocodile skin productions. The season overall has been very successful with over 634,000 wild alligators being taken since the season reopened in 1972. Also, 350,000 alligators were harvested from the wild which provided stock to the alligator farmers. In the farm program, over 250,000 alligator tags were issued to farmers during the current year. Nest surveys have started and Mr. Kinler felt nest production was good this year but there may be some concern in southwest Louisiana with all of the rain that has fallen. Staff recommendation was to open the 2004 season on Wednesday, September 1 and close on Thursday, September 30. The Wednesday opening was requested by alligator dealers so there was not a flood of alligators into the production facilities if the season opened on a weekend. When nest surveys were finished, staff would prepare quota recommendations and submit it to Secretary Landreneau for his approval.

Commissioner Mouton asked if a person has to own land or lease land in order to get alligator tags? Mr. Kinler stated the land has to be owned or leased and must be wetland habitat. He added there are a lot of recreational opportunities on the upland WMAs where bids are taken to harvest alligators. Chairman Busbice asked if there was a census on the total number of wild alligators in Louisiana? Mr. Kinler stated from the coastwide nest survey, it was estimated there may be 1.5 million alligators in the state. He also noted there was a statewide nuisance alligator program with about 65 nuisance hunters enrolled. These hunters handle nuisance complaints and removes the alligator. If the alligator is under 4 foot, the hunter must release the animal; but if it is over 6 foot, then he was required to take it, meaning he can kill it and skin it and this would be his profit. Several nuisance hunters are contemplating leaving the program since the price of skins and meat does not compensate for their time and effort. Approximately 2,000 alligators are harvested each year, but there are 5,000 to 7,000 complaints in any one year. The state of Florida has incorporated a program that would pay a nuisance hunter \$30 per alligator to help cover some of his expenses. Mr. Kinler then stated the staff was looking at Florida's program to see what could be done to keep the nuisance hunters enrolled in the program. Commissioner Sagrera thought funding from the tag fees could cover the nuisance hunter program. He then asked about setting a permanent season opening date for the first Wednesday in September. Mr. Kinler stated the plan was to present a Notice of Intent at the next meeting to cover that request. Commissioner Felterman commented to Commissioner Sagrera that the tag fees may need to be increased to cover the nuisance hunters. Commissioner Sagrera stated he had no problem with that. Mr. Kinler then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Felterman seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

close or reopen this season based on technical data or if enforcement problems develop.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2004 Wild Alligator Harvest Season is attached to and made a part of this resolution.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
La. Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2004 wild alligator harvest season.

The 2004 wild alligator harvest season shall be from official sunrise September 1, 2004 through official sunset September 30, 2004. Alligators taken from the wild may be removed from hook and line and taken with other legal capture devices only during daylight hours between official sunrise and official sunset.

Emergency procedures are necessary to allow Department biologists adequate time to gather the biological data required to recommend season dates and harvest quotas.

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to delay, extend, close or reopen this season based on technical data or if enforcement problems develop.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Declaration of Emergency - Set 2004-2005 Fur Trapping Season was handled by Mr. Greg Linscombe. He began giving a brief highlight of the 2003-2004 season. There were a total of 1,432 licensed trappers that harvested 356,429 animals. This was the highest harvest over the last 7 years. Total value to the trappers was just over \$2 million, which was up about \$500,000 from the previous season. A big part of the increase was the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, and most furbearer prices were slightly higher. The nutria control program resulted in 332,556 animals taken with an average price paid to the trappers of \$1.92. Out of that

332,000, about 77,000 made it to the market for pelts. Mr. Linscombe then reported, from the Nutria Control program, the harvest was worth \$1.3 million in incentives with 346 participants. Eighty-six percent of the harvest came from the southeast portion of the state where the most damage from nutria occurs. Harvest method was about 48 percent trapping and 52 percent shooting. He then discussed a map that was presented to the Commission. It was hoped to have someone trapping on all lands that have nutria damage this upcoming year. The vegetative survey, flown in April and May, was positive, showing 16,906 acres were impacted compared to 21,888 acres a year ago. The overall health of the marsh has improved this year over 2003. Otter prices continue to be high and increasing with over 5,700 animals taken. The average price was \$86 for the trappers which related that the value of the otter harvest was about \$500,000. Bobcat harvest doubled which was due to a price increase to \$37 this past season. Mr. Linscombe then recommended the trapping season dates to be November 20, 2004 through March 31, 2005. Chairman Busbice asked what was the beaver price. Mr. Linscombe stated beaver take was up, but the price was not as high as hoped with it being right under \$4. The Chairman then asked Mr. Linscombe to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Sagrera made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Felterman. This motion passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2004-2005 Fur Trapping Season

adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

- WHEREAS, R.S. 56:259(A) authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of nongame quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 (D) of the Administrative Procedure Act allows the Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, and
- WHEREAS, Louisiana has historically led the nation in the production of wild fur with value to the trappers as high as \$24 million in some seasons, and
- WHEREAS, the harvest of this renewable resource is important in providing supplemental income to citizens of the state

season for the taking of non-game quadrupeds and allows the Commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year and in accordance with emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967(D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2004-2005 fur harvest season, statewide from November 20, 2004 through March 31, 2005. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the adopted season.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Notice of Intent - Moratorium on Commercial Take of Alligator Snapping Turtle began with Mr. Brandt Savoie reminding the Commission they passed a motion, at the request of the Legislature, to develop a Notice of Intent. This proposal was the Department's attempt to reflect the Commission's wishes. Discussions have been held with Enforcement and the Legal Section. The Notice of Intent would do away with commercial take of wild alligator snapping turtles without affecting those who have turtle farms and to continue a recreational harvest of those turtles. During the discussions, a penalty clause was attached to the proposal. Chairman Busbice asked what would be the impact? Mr. Savoie answered there would be very little impact since there were very few people that took those turtles from the wild commercially. Also, after contacting commercial fishermen, they reported it would not hurt their business. This proposal was brought before the Reptile and Amphibian Task Force and they agreed with the action. However, they indicated they would want to make other changes. Mr. Savoie then asked the Commission to denote an agreement that this proposal was their intent.

Mr. Theron Majors, Chairman of the Reptile and Amphibian Task Force, stated they had a meeting on June 22 and voted to endorse the recommendation of the Department. Also, the Task Force asked that language that would allow certified zoos, aquariums, universities, research and nature centers be exempted from the take limits. It was also requested that additional language be added that would further define the commercial take of alligator snapping turtles. That language should read, "taking, attempting to take, possessing or killing of alligator snapping turtles, their eggs, or any parts thereof for sale or monetary value". The last change was making the recreational limit to one animal per vehicle per day. These changes were agreed upon unanimously by the Task Force. Chairman Busbice asked if the language was not included. Mr. Majors stated some of the language in the Notice of Intent was very similar to their proposal. The main difference was the take of one animal per day which right now allowed the take of four animals per

day. Mr. Savoie stated the reason for not including the Task Force's language was the Commission had already passed a motion. If the additional language was wanted, then another motion was needed and staff would incorporate them into the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to include the language from the Reptile and Amphibian Task Force into the Notice of Intent. Commissioner Stone seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Mr. Rick Bryant, Chairman of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation's Committee on Water Resources, stated on behalf of the Federation, he recommended a moratorium on the commercial harvest of the alligator snapping turtle. He also recommended going with the restrictions of recreational take of one per day per vehicle. On his own behalf, Mr. Bryant asked the Commission to consider changing the recreational harvest of no size limit to a size limit under 16 inch carapace. He noted the turtle was a tremendously slow reproducing specie and there was a need to keep as many adults as possible.

Commissioner Mouton asked if the regulation of one per vehicle included one per boat also. Mr. Savoie stated it included a boat, car, truck or whatever type vehicle.

(The full text of the Notice of Intent is made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission do hereby advertise their intent to place a moratorium on the commercial harvest from the wild of Alligator Snapping Turtles.

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WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XV. REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

Chapter 1. Guidelines

§101. Recreational and Commercial Harvests; Prohibitions

A.-F. * * *

G. Turtle Rules and Regulations

b. ~~Possession Limit~~

~~i. Recreational take: four per day per person.~~

~~ii. Commercial take: no limit on numbers taken.~~

H.-J. ***

K. Whoever violates the provisions of this rule shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not less than thirty days, or both.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10), (13), (15) and (25), R.S. 56:23, and R.S. 56:632.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 20:1135 (October 1994), amended LR 30: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Brandt Savoie, Fur & Refuge Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Thursday, September 2, 2004.

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R. S. 49:972(B).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman
Dwight Landreneau
Secretary

Before moving on, the Chairman requested a motion to take a recess. A motion was made by Commissioner Mouton, seconded by Commissioner Sagrera and it was approved with no opposition. After a brief recess, the Chairman reconvened the meeting.

Notice of Intent - Commercial Season, Spotted Seatrout was presented by Mr. Randy Pausina. He stated this proposal came about

because of Act 1164 of the 2003 Legislative Session. The proposed rule provides for a longer fishing season, shifts the season further into the spring and early summer months, prohibits a person from holding both a charter boat fishing guide license and a spotted seatrout permit in the same license period, defines allowable commercial activities regarding spotted seatrout during an open and closed season, and deletes repetitive language that already appears in Title 56. Commissioner Stone asked if all of the changes were from the Legislature. Mr. Pausina answered yes. Then Commissioner Stone asked if the season had to be extended since he was not in favor of extending a commercial season. Mrs. Karen Foote noted the law states the season shall be this and the Commission shall set it as that. A Declaration of Emergency was promulgated to cover the last season. Commissioner Stone then felt it was something the Commission had to do and Mrs. Foote agreed. Chairman Busbice then asked Mr. Pausina to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Mouton made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Felterman. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Notice of Intent are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

COMMERCIAL SPOTTED SEATROUT SEASON

July 1, 2004

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Legislature has directed the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, through adoption of Act 1164 of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session (R.S. 56:325.3), to modify the currently established commercial spotted seatrout season, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby proposes to modify season regulations for the commercial harvest of spotted seatrout in Louisiana state waters as set forth in the attached Notice of Intent, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the commercial spotted seatrout harvest, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of

spotted seatrout. Nothing herein shall prohibit the purchase, sale, barter or exchange of spotted seatrout off the water by licensed commercial dealers taken during any open period or which are legally imported into the state if appropriate records are properly maintained in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6 and those that are required to do so shall be properly licensed in accordance with R.S. 56:303, 56:306 or 56:306.1.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with Act Number 157 of the 1991 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, R.S. 56:6(25)(a); R.S. 56:325.3; R.S. 56:326.3; and Act 1316 of the 1995 Regular Legislative Session, R.S. 56:325.3; and Act 1164 of the 2003 Regular Legislative Session.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 18:199 (February 1992), amended LR 22:238 (March 1996), LR 24:360 (February 1998), LR 26:2333 (October 2000), LR 30: (July 2004), LR 30: ().

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Harry Blanchet, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to Friday, September 3, 2004.

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

In accordance with Act 1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.
Chairman

Mr. Marty Bourgeois began the next item, a **Resolution - 2004 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season**, stating the Resolution would authorize the Secretary to set the fall inshore shrimp season by Declaration of Emergency if sufficient quantities of marketable shrimp are available for harvest before the August Commission Meeting. He then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Feltermann made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner Sagera seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates if biological or technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop and to close and reopen all or parts of state outside waters if significant numbers of small white shrimp are found in these waters.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **November 2004 Meeting** on Thursday, November 4, 2004, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Busbice then asked for **Public Comments** and none were heard.

There being no further business, Commissioner Felterman made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Mouton.

Dwight Landreneau
Secretary

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Extended deer season among LWFC changes

By **JOE MACALUSO**
Advocate outdoor writer

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Turning aside months of public comment on proposed hunting seasons, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission dramatically altered the season dates for seven of the state's eight deer-hunting areas at its Thursday meeting.

Lafayette commission member Henry Mouton's proposal that added between two and 14 days to the deer hunting seasons gained unanimous approval from the five

attending members. Terry Demmon and Billy Broussard were absent.

With 14 additional days approved, the biggest change came in Deer Area 6 where archery hunters south of U.S. 90 will have Oct. 1-Jan. 31 dates. The archery season north of U.S. 90 will run from Oct. 15-Feb. 15, the latest closing bow season ever in Louisiana.

Area 6 muzzleloader hunters will have Oct.

30-Nov. 5 and Jan. 24-31 seasons, a move that advanced their modern firearms seasons to a Nov. 6-Dec. 10 still-hunt-only period with a Dec. 11-Jan. 23 with or without dogs segment.

Otherwise for deer hunters, Areas 1, 3 and 8 got seven more days. Area 2 had nine days added. Area 7 four days and Area 4 two days. Area 5's dates went unchanged.

Another unprecedented change came when the LWFC heard Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' recommendations for the mourning dove season.

Mouton said he talked with dozens of hunters and his suggestion to limit the Labor Day weekend's first split to three days — Sept. 4-6 — made it possible to add six days to the 70-day season's second split (Oct. 9-Nov. 28) that will carry through the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend.

"We're seeing a decline in the number of hunters, and, after calling and meeting hunters for the last three months, all I want to do with this is to create more hunting

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Thriller in

The Bronx

Tony Clark's home run helps New York Yankees complete sweep of rival Boston Red Sox in 13 innings.

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MLB: Rangers at Astros

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the race, he was punched in the abdomen by an enraged French spectator yet managed to complete the stage. But two days later, on the final climb up the Alps to Pra-Loup, Frenchman Bernard Thevenet went past Merckx and this time, when "The Cannibal" reached down into his gut for more, there was too little left. "I tried everything and it didn't work," Merckx said that day. "Miracles don't exist in sports. It's always the strongest who wins."

We don't know whether he and Armstrong discussed that race, but the lesson is one that Armstrong will hardly need to be reminded about. If Armstrong still looks like the strongest, it's because up to now, he's been the hungriest.

The closing stretch of every great athlete's career is not only the most dramatic, it's often the most revealing. At the start of his run, Armstrong was driven by the desire to outrace a deadly form of testicular cancer. In the middle, he was driven to master the mind-numbing work necessary for a prodigy to become a cold-blooded professional. As he nears the end, Armstrong will have to pedal through doubt, past complacency, beyond precedent and into the slipstream of history, where no rider has ever gone before. If you bet against him doing just that, do so at your own risk.

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Associated Press photo
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2004- 2005 Resident- game hunting seasons

These are the resident-
game season dates and
bag limits ratified Thursday
by the Louisiana Wildlife
and Fisheries Commission

Hunting hours — One-half hour before
sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Bobcat — Legal take only during the open
deer season. Season limit 1.

Nutria — Sept. 1, 2004-Feb. 28, 2005. Recreational daily
limit 5.

Pheasant — No season.

Quail — Nov. 13, 2004-Feb. 28, 2005. Daily limit 10. Possession limit
20 after opening day.

Rabbit — Oct. 2, 2004-Feb. 28, 2005. Daily limit 8. Possession limit
16 after opening day.

Squirrel — Oct. 2, 2004-Feb. 28, 2005. Daily limit 8. Possession limit
16 after opening day.

Deer — The state is divided into eight deer-hunting areas. Archery
and muzzleloader seasons are either-sex seasons, except for muzzle-
loader seasons in Area 5, which are bucks-only seasons. The daily
limit is one antlered deer per day, except on either-sex (doe) days
when the limit is one antlered and one antlerless deer per day when
legal on private lands. The season limit is 6.

Area 1 — Archery: Oct 1, 2004-Jan. 31-2005; Muzzleloader
only: Nov. 13-19, 2004 & Jan. 24-30, 2005; Modern firearms:
Nov. 20-Dec. 3, 2004 (still-hunt only), Dec. 4, 2004-Jan. 9,
2005 (with or without dogs) & Jan. 10-23, 2005 (still-hunt
only).

Area 2 — Archery: Oct 1, 2004-Jan. 31-2005; Muzzleloader
only: Oct. 23-29, 2004 & Jan. 17-23, 2005; Modern firearms:
Oct. 30-Dec. 3, 2004 (still-hunt only) & Dec. 4, 2004-Jan. 16,
2005 (with or without dogs).

Area 3 — Archery: Sept. 18, 2004-Jan. 15, 2005;
Muzzleloader only: Oct. 9-15, 2004 & Nov. 29-Dec. 3, 2004;
Modern firearms: Oct. 16-Nov. 28, 2004 (still-hunt only) &
Dec. 4, 2004-Jan. 9, 2005 (still-hunt only).

Area 4 — Archery: Oct 1, 2004-Jan. 31-2005; Muzzleloader
only: Nov. 6-12, 2004 & Jan. 10-19, 2005; Modern firearms:
Nov. 13, 2004-Jan. 9, 2005 (still-hunt only).

Area 5 — Archery: Oct 1, 2004-Jan. 31-2005; Muzzleloader
only: Nov. 13-19, 2004 & Dec. 27, 2004-Jan. 2, 2005 (bucks
only); Modern firearms: Nov. 26-Dec. 12, 2004 (still-hunt
only).

Area 6 — Archery: Oct. 1, 2004-Jan. 31, 2005 on lands
south of U.S. 90 & Oct. 16, 2004-Feb. 15, 2005 on lands
north of U.S. 90; Muzzleloader only: Oct. 30-Nov. 5, 2004 &
Jan. 24-31, 2005; Modern firearms: Nov. 6-Dec. 10, 2004
(still-hunt only) & Dec. 11, 2004-Jan. 23, 2005 (with or with-
out dogs).

Area 7 — Archery: Oct 1, 2004-Jan. 31-2005; Muzzleloader
only: Oct. 9-15, 2004 & Nov. 6-12, 2004; Modern firearms:
Oct. 16-Nov. 5, 2004 (still-hunt only), Nov. 13-28, 2004 (still-
hunt only) & Nov. 29, 2004-Jan. 2, 2005 (with or without
dogs).

Area 8 — Archery: Sept. 18, 2004-Jan. 15, 2005;
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Changes

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opportunity," Mouton said. "I wanted
to make sure to close seasons on
Sunday and not on Friday to add
weekends to seasons. I realize that
most hunters have their vacations
already set, but I believe these steps
need to be taken."

While several hunters applauded
the move, a group of Area 6
bowhunters from Pointe Coupee
Parish, in the heart of Area 6, con-
tinued to voice their objection to the
later opening date. Their objections
came when an already-amended
muzzleloader season, originally set
for Dec. 6-10, was moved to the Oct.
30 opening.

"We're in the only area in the state
where bowhunters are not in the
woods first, before the squirrel
hunters," Pointe Coupee Parish
hunter Rene Thibodeaux said. "For a
lot bowhunters, those first days of
the season are the most precious of
the (hunting) season."

"After they (the commission mem-
bers) moved the muzzleloader sea-
son up two weeks, I don't think they
realize they took so many days from
us," he said.

The only other objection to the
move came from commission mem-
ber Dr. Jerry Stone, who said propo-
sals like this didn't give the public
time to comment.

"We're adding days, and how can
most deer hunters object?" Mouton
asked.

Already altered from the 2004-05
proposed resident-game hunting
package was a move to extend the
squirrel season to a latest-ever clos-
ing date. After running for years
from the first Saturday in October to
the end of January, dates were
changed three years ago to push the
season into early February. For the
upcoming season, squirrel hunters
can take their bushy-tailed quarry
until Feb. 28.

Mouton defended the dove-season
move after discussions with north
Louisiana hunters, who, he said,
cared little for a second weekend of
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Louisiana hunters who, he said,
wanted more later-season days.

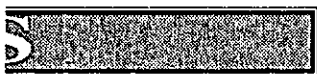
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Other action included approval of a
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turtles, an annual Jan. 2-July 31 com-
mercial speckled trout season, and a
Declaration of Emergency that
would allow LDWF secretary
Dwight Landreneau to open the fall
inshore shrimp season before the
Aug. 5 LWFC meeting.

LDWF biologist Greg Linscombe
told the commission that the 2003-04
fur-trapping season resulted in the
take of 332,556 nutria, up from the
308,600 taken in the 2002-03 season
when a \$4 bounty was placed on the
marsh-destroying animal. He said the
increased take during the last
two years has resulted in decreased
marsh areas the LDWF considered
to be "stressed."

Linscombe said the surveyed area
showed a decrease from 21,888
"nutria impacted" acres in 2003 to
16,906 acres observed in the April-
May aerial survey. He said that

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Area 4 — Archery: Oct. 1, 2004-Jan. 31-2005; Muzzleloader only: Nov. 6-12, 2004 & Jan. 10-19, 2005; Modern firearms: Nov. 13, 2004-Jan. 9, 2005 (still-hunt only).
Area 5 — Archery: Oct. 1, 2004-Jan. 31-2005; Muzzleloader only: Nov. 13-19, 2004 & Dec. 27, 2004-Jan. 2, 2005 (bucks only); Modern firearms: Nov. 26-Dec. 12, 2004 (still-hunt only).
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Major changes from the 2003-04 seasons

- Except for Area 5, all deer hunting areas have between 2 and 14 additional days.
- Area 6 deer hunters on lands north of U.S. 90 have a later opening day and later archery season. Area 6 muzzleloader and modern firearms hunters have earlier opening dates.
- Increases of four either-sex deer hunting days in some sections of Deer Area 1, four more either-sex hunting days throughout Deer Area 2 and two additional either-sex hunting days in the western portion of Deer Area 4.
- Hunting hogs with dogs is banned on all wildlife management areas.
- Squirrel season extended to the end of February.
- "Mud crawling" vessels/vehicles banned on all WMAs.
- Eastern portion of Deer Area 8 moved into Deer Area 2.
- Additional lottery hunts and youth lottery hunts on five WMAs.
- One-week later bucks-only season on Red River, Three Rivers, Spring Bayou, Big Lake, Grassy Lake & Pomme de Terre WMAs.

TENTATIVE 2004-05 migratory bird seasons

Adopted Thursday by the LWFC and subject to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approval. Additional dates for the 70-day rails and gallinules seasons, and the season dates and bag limits for snipe will be announced in August, when the duck and goose seasons are announced.

Hunting Hours — One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except during the opening weekends of the three splits of the mourning dove season (Sept. 4-5, Oct. 9-10 & Dec. 18-19) when shooting hours are noon to sunset.

Mourning Doves — 70 days: Sept. 4-6 (3 days), Oct. 9-Nov. 28 (44 days) and Dec. 18-Jan. 9 (23 days). Daily limit 12. Possession limit 24 after opening day.

Teal — 9 days: Sept. 18-26. Daily limit 4. Possession limit 8 after opening day.

Gallinules — Sept. 18-26 for common and purple gallinules. Daily limit is 15 in the aggregate. Possession limit is 30 after opening day.

Rails — Sept. 18-26. Daily limit is 15 for king and clapper rails, and possession limit is 30 after opening day. Daily and possession limit is 25 for sora and Virginia rails.

Woodcock — 45 days: Dec. 18-Jan. 31. Daily limit is 3. Possession limit is 6 after opening day.

Proposed major changes from the 2003-04 seasons

- The teal season has been reduced to 9 days after a 16-day 2003 season.
- The first split of the mourning dove season was reduced to three days after the customary nine-day opening split, and the additional days added to the end of the second split to include the Thanksgiving holidays.

SOURCE:

Advocate graphic

Louisiana hunters, who, he said, cared little for a second weekend of the first split, and with south Louisiana hunters who, he said, wanted more later-season days.

LWFC also approved a recommendation for a nine-day special September teal hunt after word from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that 4 million bluewing teal mandated a nine-day season.

Other action included approval of a Sept. 1-30 wild alligator harvest season, a Nov. 20-March 31 fur-trapping season, Notices of Intent to ban commercial take of alligator snapping turtles, an annual Jan. 2-July 31 commercial speckled trout season, and a Declaration of Emergency that would allow LDWF secretary Dwight Landreneau to open the fall inshore shrimp season before the Aug. 5 LWFC meeting.

LDWF biologist Greg Linscombe told the commission that the 2003-04 fur-trapping season resulted in the take of 332,556 nutria, up from the 308,600 taken in the 2002-03 season when a \$4 bounty was placed on the marsh-destroying animal. He said the increased take during the last two years has resulted in decreased marsh areas the LDWF considered to be "stressed."

Linscombe said the surveyed area showed a decrease from 21,888 "nutria impacted" acres in 2003 to 16,906 acres observed in the April-May aerial survey. He said that meant a decrease of some 19,000 "impacted" acres (82,000 to 63,000) in one year.

The LWFC also learned that LDWF enforcement agents issued 1,268 citations and 204 written warnings in June, including 540 for alleged boating safety and 285 fishing license violations. Agents also arrested 11 boaters for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

The LWFC voted its November meeting for Nov. 4 at the LDWF headquarters in Baton Rouge.

Gulizio leads Byrd by one

Advocate staff report

SHREVEPORT — Randy Gulizio of Belle Chasse and Timothy Byrd of Reserve used impressive second-round scores to catapult into the top spots on the leaderboard at the Louisiana Golf Association's Junior Amateur Championship golf tournament.

Gulizio shot a 3-under-par 68 on Thursday at the Shreveport Country Club and leads the tourney with a two-round total of 139.

Byrd finished right behind, shooting a 2-under-par 69 and posting a 140. First-round leaders Thomas Galloway of Covington (143) and Matthew Harvey of Monroe (144) were next. Matt Hungerman of Mandeville is in fifth-place at 145.

Corey Bartlett of Kilbourne is at 146. Jeremy Jeansonne of Keithville, Andrew Peyton of Shreveport, Clinton Shepard of Monroe, Cory Tucker of Bossier City and Tyler Williams of Shreveport are all tied at 147.

The three-day tournament concludes today. Tee times begin at 7:40 a.m.

Michael Drury Jr. and Ben Sauls, who are tied for 26th at 154, are the top local players. St. Amant's Jarrett Marchand (156) is tied for 35th in the annual tournament that attracts some of the state's top juniors.

COMMISSION MEETING
ROLL CALL

Thursday, July 1, 2004
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife and Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Bill Busbice (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Lee Felterman	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Terry Denmon	<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>
Billy Broussard	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Wayne Sagrera	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Jerry Stone	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Henry Mouton	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>

Mr. Chairman:

There are 5 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.
Secretary Landreneau is also present.

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Falcon, Susan

From: Rebecca Samples [beckysamples@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2004 3:10 PM
To: Denmon_TD@wlf.state.la.us
Subject: HUNTING LEASES

Mr. Denmon:

I am a lifelong resident of Sabine Parish and have hunted deer since the early 50's.

My wife and I have hunted deer for years in Arkansas, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas.

My lease has partisipated in DMAP for many years.

I was elated when I heard that we were going to a 2 buck limited in Louisiana. Finally we would be headed in the right direction. The two buck limit combined with a tagging system would go along way to improve the quality and quanity of our deer herd statewide.

It is sad that such a small minority of hunters in the state (or on the commission) were able to kill this program.

Hope it can be implimented ASAP.

Also, the proposed idea to not count does killed on DMAP land as part of your season limit is a terrible idea. My neighbors would not be happy if I kill 10 deer and he can't kill but 6. No one I know needs to kill 6 deer much less 10. Just my thoughts.

Garland Anthony
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205 Howard Lane
Florien, LA 71429

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Falcon, Susan

From: Denis.delahoussaye@cleco.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2004 12:42 PM
To: Lee@ckor.com; jerryandkaystone@aol.com; Denmon_TD@wlf.state.la.us; henrymouton@star-service.com; BBILLYPB@aol.com
Subject: Deer Hunting proposal for Area 7

Commissioners,

I have attached a file which has a proposal for hunting dates in Area 7 from our hunting club.

I was at the Wetlands Center in Lafayette for public comment in March. I was the last speaker and had requested the hunting dates for area 7 to start earlier. I appreciate your consideration with the hunting dates we propose. It revolves around an early rut which starts in late September. If you have any questions please let me know.

The LDWF website did not have everyone's email address so I hope you can forward a copy of the letter to those that I have not copied in the email.

Thanks
Denis delahoussaye
337-369-8218
denis.delahoussaye@cleco.com

6/29/2004

June 29, 2004

Dear Commissioners,

I represent Sugar Hill Hunting Club #2. Our club hunts 2100 acres of coastal marsh land near Weeks Island in Iberia and St. Mary Parish. Our club has been a member of DMAP for about 13 years. In the past our club has collected the uterus with baby embryos from does that were harvested to assist with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries with setting dates for an early deer season in Area 7. We have always witnessed very distinct and high rutting activity in early October.

In the September Edition of *Louisiana Sportsman*, the article called "2003 RUT REPORT" illustrated the peak breeding activity associated with the primary and secondary rut for the different areas identified by you. These similar dates were published in the November 2004 edition of the DMAP Newsletter, which identifies pre rut activity starting in late September. I included these rutting dates in a calendar at the end of my letter. Our group has witnessed very distinct activity in early October which matches the dates that were published in the *Louisiana Sportsman*. By the middle of October, our first rut is over. Looking back at the hunting season dates we had in 2003/2004 has given me ideas which I believe will have positive effects for Area 7.

I have two issues concerning the 2004/2005 deer hunting season for Area 7 that our club would like to propose.

I. Start the bow season two weeks earlier. It can be a mirror image of area 3 and 8.

With an early rut, the archery hunters would have a greater opportunity early in the season to be the first in the marsh and experience pre rut activity. If the bow hunter hunts in the month of January, his opportunity to harvest a buck is much less. The primary and secondary rut is over by the first of the year, the deer have been hunted with dogs, and the bucks are losing their antlers by the end of December. Moving the archery season up two weeks would not only improve the hunter's chances of harvesting bucks, but also harvesting bucks with antlers.

II. Move the opening date of muzzleloader season up one week.

With the rut activity starting in late September, start the muzzleloader season followed by still hunting season on the first full weekend of October. In the past we have witnessed very distinct and high rutting activity during this time period. The 2000-2001 hunting season dates for our area accommodated this with the two weeks of muzzleloader starting in the first weekend of October. In 2001/2002, the first week of muzzleloader was moved from October to November. Muzzleloader season now starts in the second week of October for Area 7. I was told the reason this changed was to spread the Either Sex days out. I believe that was a good move, but it took away one week of muzzle loading during the most active period for area 7. This change placed a huge hole in the primary rut for Area 7. Our club is in strong favor of a season which allows muzzleloader season to start on the first weekend of October.

In order to reflect these ideas I incorporated them in 2004/2005 hunting season. The table at the end of my letter illustrates these ideas. Below is Table I which identifies the number of days for Area 7 during the 2004/2005 hunting season for comparison to the dates we propose.

TABLE I

	Counted Days from LDWF Website, 2004/2005 Hunting Schedule for Area 7	Sugar Hill #2 Changes in 2004/2005 Area 7
Bow Hunting Days	123	120
Muzzle Loader Days	14	14
Gun (still hunting) Days	37	37
Gun (dog) Days	31	30
Total Gun (still + dog) Days	68	67
Total Gun and Muzzleloader Days	82	81

This proposal does not take away any weekends of hunting, instead it adds one Gun still hunting weekend in October; the month our club has witnessed the highest number of deer harvested for the year. It also adds one weekend to the dog hunters. The dog hunter's season has started in the middle of the week for several years. The majority of hunters will hunt weekends over the weekdays. Starting and stopping the season on a weekend accommodates the majority of the hunters. I also added a 5 day closed season split in the first week of November. The main objective of the split is to push the season up while maximizing the weekends. Our proposal does not exceed the current number of days that is currently proposed by the LDWF. We also used the archery season dates used for Area 3 and 8.

When I attended the public meeting in March at the Wetlands Center, I understood the reason for pushing the deer season forward was to allow squirrel hunters a weekend without deer hunters in the woods. Area 7 is all coastal marsh where the only trees are on the spoil banks and the squirrel population is almost non-existent. I support squirrel hunters having the first weekend but Area 7 just does not have a large squirrel population.

In the past years Terrebonne Parish was always opposed to an earlier season for Area 7. That group north of the Intracoastal Canal has always wanted a later season and has now moved into Area 6 which has a later hunting season. The group which opposed the earlier season is no longer in Area 7.

The main goal is to start the season earlier to accommodate the early rut in area 7. Any changes that will help accommodate these early dates are appreciated. I appreciate your time and consideration with my request. If you have any questions or you would like to discuss these issues please give me a call 337- 369-8218 or email me.

Thanks

Denis delaHoussaye
Vice President
Sugar Hill Hunting Club #2
Denis.delahoussaye@cleco.com

AREA 7 - DEER SEASON
Changes in 2004/2005 FROM SUGAR HILL #2

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
September	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	September
2004	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	2004
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	
	Bucks Scraping in Area 3, 7, 8							
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
October	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	October
2004	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	2004
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Bucks Scraping in Area 3, 7, 8							
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	
November	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	November
2004	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	2004
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	
December	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	December
2004	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	2004
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
January	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	January
2005	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	2005
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	

Archery Season - Either Sex: September 18 - January 15

 Muzzleloader Season - Either Sex : October 2 - 8, November 6 - 12

Still Hunt - No Dogs : October 9 - 31, November 13 - 26

 With or Without Dogs : November 27 - December 26

Falcon, Susan

From: bacarney@bellsouth.net
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2004 10:29 AM
To: sfalcon@wlf.state.la.us

Susan,

I would like to pass this letter on to you about some concerns that I have with the White-Tail Deer season in the state of Louisiana. I have sent this letter to Mr. David Moreland, with the Deer Season department of Wildlife and Fisheries, as well as the Secretary of La Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries, Mr. Dwight Landreneau. Would you please pass this letter on to the members of the Commission for their review.

Thank you for your time,
Bill Carney

Letter:

Mr. Moreland,

My name is Bill Carney, and I am from Lafayette. Last year I participated in a hunter's safety course where we had a segment that included a LA Wildlife and Fisheries Agent. We were able to ask questions and speak with this agent during the break. I had two main concerns that I addressed with him and I would like to address them to you now.

First, Louisiana has an opportunity to provide great wildlife and fisheries for their residents and some non residents. Why is it that we have not taken advantage of the situation, and implemented programs that will assist us in keeping these great resources and helping them to flourish in our state? I asked the agent if Louisiana would ever wake up and implement a tag system for White-tail deer, because as it is now, you have absolutely NO way of policing a season limit on white-tail deer. He told me that within one or two seasons, we would have it. This is hurting our state tremendously. We have great habitat for the white-tail to thrive, but they are being over harvested in many places due to this reason. I hunt in Area 2 near Creston, LA. I know of many many outlaw hunters up there that take game whenever possible, and in many numbers. Why can't LA go to a tagging system to help stop this? This system would also allow the quality to improve if you can only tag two bucks or so a year. Hunters would be more patient and selective in taking a buck if they only had a certain number of tags for Antlered deer. Texas and Illinois have this system, and they are thriving with trophy white-tail and great herd numbers. I have hunted both of these locations and are using them as an example. Why have we not started this yet?

Second, why have we not stopped the practice of using dogs to hunt white-tail deer? This is very big problem for our club in Area 2. Every year, our property is trampled through by dogs from other camps. The dogs start on their property, but always end up going through ours. We can't stop it, and neither can their owners. Why must we allow dog hunting for White-tail deer in the state of LA?

Not only is it a problem with the dogs, but why do you have to start

this dog season so early in our hunting season? Why can't they run their dogs at the end of the season in the last week in January. That makes absolutely no sense at all! When dogs start running around our camp, deer turn nocturnal, and we see NO deer activity during hunting hours at all! I would like an explanation for this dog season please.

Finally, I would like to ask you what is the purpose of the DMAP system? Our club has 570 acres and has been involved in this program for three years now. We have had nobody come to take a look at the property and help us build a system that will help the deer herd. I thought that this program was supposed to assist in helping land owners/clubs build good habitat for deer. We have had no help at all. They send us tags in the mail and that's it.

Mr. Moreland, I hope that this letter will not seem as though I'm angry at the dept. in any way. I am just a LA resident that is concerned with our wildlife and the future of LA wildlife for my son to enjoy. I look forward to reading your reply and possibly finding answers to these tough situations.

I am also sending a copy of this letter to my state senator, Senator Mike Michot of Lafayette, who happens to also sit on the Wildlife and Fisheries state committee. Maybe we can get some good things done for our near future.

With Kind Regards,

Bill Carney

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

JUNE, 2004

REGION 1: MINDEN**PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
WEBSTER, RED RIVER,
DESOTO**

TOTAL CASES	56
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
27	Boating Safety
10	Angling W/O License
3	Angling W/O License – Non-Resident
3	Fishing W/O Resident Pole License
1	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
5	Frog Closed Season
1	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
4	Operate Vessel While Intoxicated
2	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 11	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
10	Boating Safety
1	Angling W/O Resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
2 Bull Frogs (Returned To Water); 2 Bull Frogs (Retained); 1 Marijuana Joint (Turned Over To Crime Lab For Analysis)	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 1:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
27	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
00	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
5	Miscellaneous
21	Recreational Fishing
00	State Hunting/Trapping
11	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

REGION 2: MONROE**PARISHES: E. CARROLL, JACKSON,
LINCOLN, MOREHOUSE,
OUACHITA, RICHALND,
UNION, W. CARROLL**

TOTAL CASES	63
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
39	Boating
13	Angle Without A Resident License
1	Littering
1	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	Angle Without A Non-Resident License
1	Sell Fish Without A Retail License
1	Operate Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Failure To Report Commercial Fish Data
1	Failure To Maintain Commercial Fish Records
1	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA
1	Driving With Suspended Driver's License
1	Driving Without Operator's License
1	Expired Inspection Sticker

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Expired Boat Registration Certificate

2	Improper Boat Numbers
1	No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession
3	Angle Without A Resident License
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Angle Without A Non-resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
2-	Black Bass

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 2:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
39	Boating
3	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
14	Recreational Fishing
3	State Hunting/Trapping
11	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance (Assisting Stranded Motorists and Boaters)

REGION 3: ALEXANDRIA**PARISHES: AVOYELLES, GRANT,
NATCHITOCHEs,
RAPIDES, SABINE,
VERNON, WINN**

TOTAL CASES	170
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
35	Angling W/O A License
4	Angling W/O A License Non Resident
5	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
4	Frog Closed Season
2	Sell/Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License
1	Sell Game Fish
1	Failure To Maintain Records
1	Take Undersize Catfish With Wire Net
1	Violate Recreational Gear License
1	Take Game Fish Illegally
1	Commercial Fisherman Sell To Consumer W/O Fresh Products License
1	Allow Another To Use Recreational License
32	Failure To Comply With PFD Regulations
8	Improper Running Lights
1	Failure To Display Valid Certificate Decal
2	No Boat Numbers

3	Expired Boat Registration Certificate
1	Operate In Restricted Area
3	Operate Unregistered Motorboat
12	Careless Operation
2	No Observer While Water Skiing
3	Operate A Vessel While Intoxicated
1	Improper Riding On Deck
1	Possession Of Outboard W/Serial Number Removed
4	Operate ATV On Public Road
6	Criminal Trespass
15	Littering
5	Public Possession Of Alcohol By Person Under 21
1	Simple Possession Of Marijuana
1	Operate Vehicle While Intoxicated
1	Fail To Stop At Stop Sign
3	Illegal Possession Of Marijuana
3	R/R Unusual Maneuvering Of Vehicle
1	Flight From An Officer
2	Illegal Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia
1	Collect Reptile/Amphibian Rec. W/O Basic Fishing License

1	Untagged Reptile Trap
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WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	No Boat Numbers
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	No Observer While Skiing
2	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
1	No Running Lights

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Marijuana Bag; 6 Frogs; 2 Bass; 2 Rod and Reels; 20 Cases Beer; 5-1/2 Gallons Liquor; 1 Outboard

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
69	Boating
4	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
15	Littering

27	Miscellaneous
55	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
8	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Public Assistance

REGION 4: FERRIDAY**PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA,
CONCORDIA, FRANKLLIN,
LASALLE, MADISON, TENSAS**

TOTAL CASES	82
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Allow Another To Use Recreational License
34	Boating Safety Violations
21	Angling W/O A License
2	Angling W/O A Non-Resident License
6	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
1	Take/Possess Spotted Fawn
1	Taking or Possession of Other Non-Game Birds (No Season) Owl
4	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA
1	Illegal Possession of Drugs or Marijuana
2	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
8	Littering
1	Careless Operation (ATV)

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	27	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3		Angling W/O A License
16		Boating Safety

8	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA
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CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Deer; 1 Owl

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
34	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
1	Federal Migratory
8	Littering
4	Miscellaneous
30	Recreational Fishing
5	State Hunting/Trapping
31	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Public Assistance

REGION 5: LAKE CHARLES**PARISHES: BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU,
EVANGELINE, ALLEN,
CAMERON, ACADIA,
VERMILION, JEFF DAVIS**

TOTAL CASES	135
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
55	Boating
16	Angle W/O A License
8	Littering
10	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
5	Other Than Wildlife
1	Sell Fish Caught Recreationally
3	Sell And/Or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail License
1	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	Theft Of Crab Trap
3	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	Take Undersized Black Drum
1	Possess Or Sell Undersized Crabs (10%-19%)
1	Fail To Mark Crab Containers
1	Violate Commission Regulations For Commercial Fish
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fishermen

6	Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer Closed Season
3	Sell/Buy Fish W/O Retail Seafood License
4	Commission Rules And Regulations Red Snapper (Undersized)
1	Commission Rules And Regulations Cobia (Undersized)
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
1	Commercial Fresh Products Licensee Fail To Report Or Maintain Records
1	Take Federally Controlled Fish Closed Season
1	Commission Rules and Regulations Red Snapper (Over Limit)
2	Take Or Possess Alligator Closed Season
1	Take Ibis No Season
1	Take Herons No Season
1	Take Possess Other Non-Game Birds No Season
1	Miscellaneous Federal Violation
1	Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 17	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Improper Or No Fire Extinguisher
1	Operate Unregistered Motorboat Or Sailboat
1	No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession
1	Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements

3	Failure To Display Valid Certificate Decal
1	Improper Boat Numbers
7	Angle Without A License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
7 Rods; 7 Reels; 122 Lbs. Crabs, RTW; 6 Empty Beer Cans; 1 Spiny Lobster; 9 Crab Traps; 12 Packs Deer Meat; 4 Black Drum, RTW; 1 Black Bass; 11 Blue Catfish; 15 Red Snapper; 1 Cobia; 30 Full Bottles Beer; 1 Empty Beer Bottle; 1 Spotlight; 37 Egrets; 1 Blue Heron; 3 Ibis; 10 Lbs. Shrimp; 1 20" Alligator; 1 Ice Chest

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
55	Boating
27	Commercial Fishing
4	Federal Migratory
8	Littering
7	Miscellaneous
26	Recreational Fishing
8	State Hunting/Trapping
17	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Public Assistance

REGION 6: OPELOUSAS**PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,
PT.COUPÉE, LAFAYETTE,
ST. LANDRY, ST. MARTIN,
W.B.R.**

TOTAL CASES	151
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
55	Boating
1	Violate Commission Regulations For Commercial Fish
4	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On Refuge
7	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
56	Angling W/O License In Possession
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules
10	Frog Closed Season
1	Sell Fish W/O Wholesale Retail Dealers License
1	Fail To Maintain Records
2	Littering
3	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
1	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
1	Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana
7	Set Crab Traps In Unsafe Manner
1	Possession Of Live Alligator W/O Permit

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
18	Boating
2	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
1	Fish W/O Resident Pole License
21	Angling W/O License
2	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
6	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
10 Crab Traps, 100 Lbs. Shrimp, 1 Trawl, 2 Champagne Baskets, Check for \$85.00, 2 Black Bass, 1 Rod And Reel, 27 Frogs, 1 Cut Cigar, 1 Bag Containing Green, Leafy, Vegetable-Like Substance, 1 Alligator, 1 Boat

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
55	Boating
10	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
6	Miscellaneous
78	Recreational Fishing

0	State Hunting/Trapping
50	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Public Assistance

REGION 7: BATON ROUGE**PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,
E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON
ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY,
TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON,
W. FELICIANA**

TOTAL CASES	189
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
131	Boating (3-DWI)
36	Angling Without Resident License (Basic)
9	Angling Without Basic Non-Resident License
1	Angling Without Cane Pole License
1	Obtain License By Fraud
3	Possess Undersize Black Drum
1	Sell Fish Without Retail Seafood License
1	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Use Hoop Net Illegal Area
1	Take Alligator Closed Season
3	Possess Alligator Closed Season
1	Littering

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 10	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	Boating
4	Angling Without Resident License

1	Possess Over Limit Of Black Drum
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CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
14—Black Drum (Returned To Water Alive) 1—Hoop Net 1—Resident License

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
199	
131	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
-0-	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
50	Recreational Fishing
4	State Hunting/Trapping
10	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
15	
	Public Assistance 11-Assist Boaters 4-Assist Motorists

REGION 8: NEW ORLEANS**PARISHES: PLAQUEMINES, ST. BERNARD,
ORLEANS, JEFFERSON,
ST. CHARLES**

TOTAL CASES	228
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
40	Boating
34	Angling W/O A License
9	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
1	Take/Possess O/L Red Drum (On Water)
1	Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Recreational)
3	Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Recreational)
3	Commission Rules And Regulations Shark(Recreational)
2	Commission Rules And Regulations Snapper(Recreational)
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
3	Take Or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Commercial License
1	CML Fisherman Sell To Consumer Without A Fresh Products License
1	Commercial Fresh Products Licensee Fail To Report Or Maintain Records
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License
3	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License

2	Sell And/Or Buy fish Without A Retail Seafood Dealers License
64	Fail To Maintain Records
4	Illegal Use Of Monofilament
4	Leave Nets Unattended
4	Use Saltwater Net Illegally
1	Sell And/Or Purchase Game Fish
3	Trawling In Closed Season(Inside Waters)
2	Trawling Inside Waters W/Oversized Double Rigs(Over 25 Feet)
11	Trawl In Restricted Areas
22	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
3	Littering
2	Flight From An Officer

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 48	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
26	Boating
6	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License
2	Take Or Possess Undersized Red Drum (Recreational) 16" Minimum
3	Take Or Possess Undersized Spotted Sea Trout (Recreational)

3	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum(Recreational) Commission Action
4	Commission Rules And Regulations (Misc.) Snapper (Recreational)
2	Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
Returned To Water.....Frog(1).....Shrimp(1 Pound).....Crabs(500 Pounds).....Bull Frogs(85).....Sold @ Bid.....62 Lbs. Of Shrimp @ \$67.25.....6 Lbs. Of Shrimp @ \$3.60.....Donated.....Spotted Seatrout(29).....Shark(13).....Shrimp(469 Lbs., 10).....Red Drum(6 Lbs.,8).....Sand Shark(20).....Croaker(50).....Gray Snapper(19).....Crabs(100 Lbs.).....Red Snapper(8).....Black Drum(3).....Sheepshead(1).....Hardware Confiscated.....Rod And Reel(2).....Gill Net(1).....Reno Skiff(1).....Yamaha Motor(1)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
40	Boating
106	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
3	Littering
24	Miscellaneous
55	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
48	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
7	Public Assistance

REGION 9: SCHRIEVER

**PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, ST. JAMES,
ST. JOHN, ST. MARY,
TERREBONNE, LAFOURCHE,
JEFFERSON-GRAND ISLE,
LOWER ST. MARTIN**

TOTAL CASES	194
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
86	Boating
24	Angling Without A License
5	Angling Without A Non-Resident License
5	Fish Without Resident Pole License
2	Violate Recreational Gear License Requirement
8	Angling Without Saltwater License
2	Angling Without Non-Resident Saltwater License
1	Take Illegal Size Black Bass
2	Take Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)
2	Take Over Limit Black Drum (Recreational)
1	Not Abiding By Commission Rules (Over Limit Black Drum Exceeding 27 Inches)
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
3	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial License
1	Sell Commercial Fish Without Commercial License
2	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Can Gear License

1	Take Commercial Fish Without Commercial Oyster Dredge Gear License
1	Sell Fish Without Resident Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License
2	Take Undersize Commercial Finfish (Catfish)
1	Use Crab Traps Without Required Markings
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Vessel License
1	Allow Unlicensed Fisherman To Use Commercial Gear License
4	Use Skimmers In Closed Season
4	Failure To Have Written Permission
5	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
4	Take Oysters From Unapproved Area (Polluted)
9	Unlawfully Take Oysters Off A Private Lease
1	Violate Sanitary Regulations (No Tarp)
1	Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Commercial Fishing
1	Not Abiding By WMA Rules And Regulations By Using Metal Traps
1	Hunting From Moving Vehicle
1	Hunt Rabbits Closed Season
1	Taking Alligator In Closed Season
1	Possession Of Live Alligator Without Permit
1	Untagged Reptile Trap

1	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
7	Possession Of Alcohol By Persons Under 21 Years Of Age

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 22	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
7	Angling Without A License
3	Angling Without Saltwater License
9	Boating
1	Take Undersized Black Drum (Recreational)
1	Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
1	Possess Terrapin Between April 15 and June 15

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
278 Lbs. Catfish; 3,264 Lbs. Shrimp Sold \$5,226.70; 10 Lbs. Shrimp; 17 Black Drum; 1 Rabbit; 83 Sacks Oysters; 1 Sheephead; 14 Catfish; 1 Black Bass; 2 Alligators; 1 Pistol; 5 Rods And Reels; 1 Can .22 Caliber Pellets; 1 Pellet Gun; 39 Cans Beer; 4 Boats And Motors (Paper Seizures); 4 Oyster Dredges (Paper Seizures); 2 Catfish Cans; 1 Skiff With Skimmer Frames (Paper Seizures)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
86	Boating
43	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory

0	Littering
8	Miscellaneous
52	Recreational Fishing
5	State Hunting/Trapping
22	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
15	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE**COASTAL WATERS**

TOTAL CASES	33
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
12	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
9	Unlawfully Take Oysters From Private Lease
4	Take Oysters From An Unapproved Area
4	Failure To Have Written Permission
1	Violate Sanitary Code
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish Without A Commercial Gear License
1	Failure To Comply With PFD Requirement

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Failure To Display Proper Number On Vessel
3	Angling Without A Basic License
2	Angling Without A Saltwater License
1	Fail To Display Valid Certificate Decal

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
128 Sacks Of Oysters

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OSF:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Boating
32	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
7	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT**STATEWIDE**

TOTAL CASES	43
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
39	Failure to Maintain Records
1	Paid Commercial Fish W/O Vessel license
1	Theft By Fraud
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Unlicensed Fisherman
1	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 Produce Scale – (Held @ BRHQ)

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SIU:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
43	Commercial Fishing

0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

S.W.E.P.**COASTAL WATERS**

TOTAL CASES	15
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
7	Unlawfully Take Oysters From State Water Bottoms
3	Fail To Comply W/Visual Distress Signals
2	Skimming In Closed Season
1	Angling W/O License
1	Commercial Fisherman Sell To Consumer W/O Fresh Products License
1	Fail To Report Or Maintain Records

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
-0-	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
460 Lbs. Of Shrimp Sold For \$226.00; 18 Sacks Of Oysters Returned To Water; 10 Lbs. Of Shrimp Returned To Water; 50 Croakers Returned To Water

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SWEP:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Boating

11	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
1	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

****Note: 96 Hours Run**

204 Boats Checked

REFUGE PATROL**MARSH ISLAND, ROCKEFELLER,
STATE WILDLIFE**

TOTAL CASES	19
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Improper Or No Running Lights.
1	Fail To Comply With P.F.D. Requirements.
3	Angle Without A Basic Fishing License.
4	Not Abide By Rules And Regulations On W.M.A.
8	Set Crab Traps In A Unsafe Manner.(Hazard To Navigation)
2	Set Crab Traps In Navigable Channel Or Entrance To A Stream.

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angle Without A Basic Fishing License.(Not In Possession)
2	Collect Reptiles Without A Basic Fishing License.
5	Not Abide By Rules And Regulations On A W.M.A.

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
540-Blue Crabs, 7-Crab Traps

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REFUGE PATROL:

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Boating
10	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
4	Miscellaneous
3	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
8	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE :

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Public Assistance

TOTAL CASES: 1,268

WRITTEN WARNINGS: 204

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE: 73

ENFORCEMENT AVIATION REPORT
JUNE 2004

185 – Amph. – 61092
Hrs. - 34.4

185 – Amph. – 1322R
Hrs. - 0

210 – 9467Y
Hrs. - 3.5

Enforcement Hours - 29.2

Other Division - 8.7

Total Plane Use - 37.9

RESOLUTION
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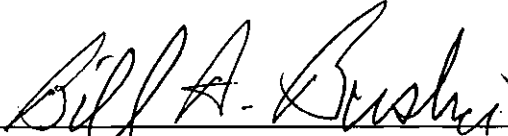
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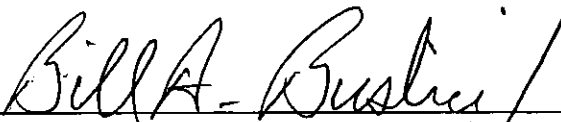
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Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

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Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§101. General

The Resident Game Hunting Season, 2004-2005 regulations are hereby adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission. A complete copy of the Regulation Pamphlet may be obtained from the Department.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 21:707 (July 1995), amended LR 22:585 (July 1996), LR 23:871 (July 1997), LR 24:1324 (July 1998), LR 25:1290 (July 1999), LR 26:1506 (July 2000), LR 27:1061 (July 2001), LR 28:1615 (July 2002), LR 29:1122 (July 2003), LR 30: .

§103. Resident Game Birds and Animals 2004-2005

A. Shooting hours. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

B. Consult Regulation Pamphlet for seasons or specific regulations on Wildlife Management Areas or specific localities.

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Quail	Nov. 13-Feb. 28	10	20
Rabbit	Oct. 2-Feb. 28	8	16
Squirrel	Oct. 2-Feb. 28	8	16
Deer	See Schedule	1 antlered and 1 antlerless (when legal on private lands)	6/season

C. Deer Hunting Schedule

Area	Archery	Muzzleloader (All Either Sex)	Still Hunt (No dogs allowed)	With or Without Dogs
1	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Jan. 17 24-Jan. 28 30	Nov. 20-Dec. 3 Jan. 8 10-Jan. 16 23	Dec. 4-Jan. 8 9
2	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 23-Oct. 29 Jan. 8 17-Jan. 14 23	Oct. 30-Dec. 3	Dec. 4-Jan. 1 16
3	Sept. 18- Jan. 15	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Nov. 29-Dec. 3	Oct. 16-Nov. 28 Dec. 4-Jan. 29	
4	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 6-Nov. 12 Jan. 8 10-Jan. 11 19	Nov. 13-Jan. 7 9	
5	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Nov. 13-Nov. 19 Dec. 27-Jan. 2 Bucks Only	Nov. 26-Dec. 12	
6	Oct. 16- Feb. 15 North of Hwy. 90; Oct. 1- Jan. 31 South of Hwy. 90	Dec. 6-Dec. 10 Jan. 24-Jan. 31 Oct. 30-Nov. 5 Jan 24-Jan. 31	Nov. 20-Dec. 5 Nov 6-Dec 10	Dec. 11-Jan. 23
7	Oct. 1- Jan. 31	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Nov. 6-Nov. 12	Oct. 16-Nov. 5 Nov. 13-Nov. 28	Nov. 29-Dec. 29 Jan. 2

8	Sept.18- Jan. 15	Oct. 9-Oct. 15 Nov. 29-Dec. 3	Oct.16-Nov.28	Dec. 4-Jan. 2 9
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D. Modern Firearm Schedule (Either Sex Seasons)

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Acadia	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Allen	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Ascension	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Assumption	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Avoyelles	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
Beauregard	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 8	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Bienville	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Bossier	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Caddo	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Calcasieu	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 8	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Caldwell	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Cameron	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Catahoula	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Claiborne	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Concordia	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Jan. 1-2

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
DeSoto	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
East Baton Rouge	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
East Carroll	Area 4 portion	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, east of mainline Mississippi River Levee and south and east of La. 877 from West Carroll Parish line to La. 580, south of La. 580 to U.S. 65, west of U.S. 65 to Madison Parish line.
	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 26-28, remainder of the parish
East Feliciana	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Evangeline	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Franklin	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5
Grant	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Iberia	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 7	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
Iberville	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Jackson	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Jefferson	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Jefferson Davis	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Lafayette	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Lafourche	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
LaSalle	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Lincoln	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Livingston	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Madison	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Morehouse	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28
Natchitoches	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Orleans		Closed to all deer hunting
Ouachita	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28
Plaquemines	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Pointe Coupee	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Rapides	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5
Red River	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Richland	Area 4	Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28
Sabine	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
St. Bernard	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Charles	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Helena	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. James	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. John	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Landry	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
St. Martin	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
St. Mary	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 7	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
St. Tammany	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12

Parish	Area	Modern Firearm Either-sex Days
Tangipahoa	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Tensas	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Terrebonne	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 7	Oct. 16-17, Nov. 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5
Union	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
Vermilion	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Vernon	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
	Area 3	Oct. 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5
Washington	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Webster	Area 2	Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, 20-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2
West Baton Rouge	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
West Carroll	Area 5	Nov. 26
West Feliciana	Area 1	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
	Area 6	Nov. 20-21, 24-28, Dec. 4-5, 11-12
Winn	Area 2	Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 25-26, Jan. 1-2

E. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer on Supplemented Shooting Preserves

Archery	Modern Firearm	Either Sex
Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (Either Sex)	Nov. 1-Jan. 31	Nov. 1-7 Dec. 1-7 Jan. 1-7

F. Exotics on Supplemented Shooting Preserves: Either Sex, no closed season.

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<p align="center">2004-2005 SEASON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA HUNTING SCHEDULES</p>
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1. ACADIANA CONSERVATION

CORRIDOR (Department Owned - 2,285 Acres, Region 6):

Self-Clearing Permit required for all activities.

Deer:

Archery only: Oct. 16-Feb. 15.

All other seasons **CLOSED**. No motorized vehicles allowed and no access via I-49 right-of-way.

2. ALEXANDER STATE FOREST (Owner - Office of Forestry-LDAF - 7,875 Acres, Region 3):

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

Deer:

Bucks only: Nov. 26-28.

Muzzleloader: Oct. 16-17, Nov. 6-7. All deer must be brought to weigh station.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 16-17, Nov. 6-7.**

Waterfowl: Same as outside. (Certain areas may be closed as posted).

Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires **EXCEPT** in recreational areas.

3. ATCHAFALAYA DELTA (Owner - State of Louisiana - 137,695 Acres, Region 8):

Self-clearing Permit required for deer and unmarked hog hunting only. Self-clearing permits available from Main Delta campground and Cul-de-sac on Big Island.

Big Island: CLOSED to all activities **Dec. 6-19, EXCEPT** Youth Lottery Deer Hunts.

Deer:

Experimental Youth Lottery Deer Hunt: Dec. 11-12, 18-19 on Big Island only, either-sex, daily youth permit required. Call New Iberia office, Fur and Refuge Division (337) 373-0032 for details.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31 on Main Delta only (Wax Lake Delta **CLOSED**, Big Lake **CLOSED Dec. 6-19**).

Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT** shooting hours shall be one-half hour before sunrise to 2:00 p.m. during opening weekends of teal and duck season and one-half hour before sunrise to sunset the remainder of the season..

Small Game: Same as outside, **EXCEPT** rabbit hunting without beagles allowed from **Oct. 2-Jan. 31** on Main Delta (excluding Big Island) and Wax Delta, and with or without beagles on both Deltas (including Big Island) allowed **Feb. 1-28**.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed

hunters from **Oct. 1-Feb. 28**.

Camping and houseboat mooring allowed **ONLY** in designated areas.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited **EXCEPT** as permitted for authorized WMA trappers.

4. ATTAKAPAS (Owner - State of Louisiana - 25,730 Acres, Region 6):

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5.

Bucks only: Dec. 18-Jan. 2.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 17-23.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 26-28 and Dec. 4-5.** Beagles allowed for rabbits **Jan. 24-Feb. 28**.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Feb. 28**.

5. BAYOU MACON (Department Owned - 6,919 Acres, Region 2):

Deer:

Lottery Hunt: Nov. 20-21, either-sex, hunt restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Hunters must check in at Hwy. 2 to have permit validated.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 4-5.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 20-21.** Beagles allowed for rabbits **Jan. 8-Feb. 28**.

Raccoon: (Nighttime): Jan. 8-23. Mules are allowed for nighttime raccoon hunting.

All night activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

6. BAYOU PIERRE (Department Owned - 2,212 Acres, Region 1):

Waterfowl Refuge is closed to all hunting, trapping and fishing **EXCEPT** for archery hunting for deer, which is allowed on the entire area. Refuge is marked with "Waterfowl Refuge" signs. Contact Region 1 Wildlife Division, Minden Office, for details for lottery hunts listed at 318-371-3050.

Deer:

Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31. Archery hunting is allowed in the waterfowl refuge.

Dove: Same as outside **EXCEPT** opening day of 1st split will be restricted to those persons selected as a result of a pre-application lottery.

Waterfowl: Lottery Hunt Only (Portion west of

Bayou Pierre) - First two weekends of the last split of the West Zone season.

Other Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 3-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 28.

7. BENS CREEK (Owner - Weyerhaeuser Co., Inc. - 13,044 Acres, Region 7):

Area Closed: Nov. 6-7, to all hunters **EXCEPT** Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Nov. 6-7.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28, Mandatory deer check; Dec. 4-5, Dec. 11-12, Self-Clearing Permit.

Bucks only: Dec. 6-10, Dec. 13-Jan. 2.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 3-Jan. 21.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** Closed Nov. 6-7, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5, Dec. 11-12. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 22-Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 8-23.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

8. BIG COLEWA BAYOU (Department Owned - 899 Acres, Region 2):

Self-Clearing Permit not required.

Deer:

Archery only: Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 8-Feb. 28. All nighttime activities prohibited.

9. BIG LAKE (Department Owned - 19,231 Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 26-27, mandatory deer check.

Bucks only: Nov. 28 and Jan. 1-9.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-27. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 17-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-27.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

10. BILOXI (Owner - Biloxi Marsh Land Corporation - 42,787 Acres, Region 8):

Self-Clearing Permits not required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** beagles allowed for rabbits when duck season is closed.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

11. BODCAU (Owner - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 34,355 Acres, Region 1):

Deer: Oct. 30-Dec. 5.

Either-sex: Oct. 30-Nov. 7, 13-14, Nov. 20-28, Dec. 4-5.

Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 3-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Raccoon: (Nighttime) Jan. 3-Feb. 6.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

12. BOEUF -(Department Owned - 50,967 Acres, Region 4):

Area Closed: Oct. 30-31, to all **EXCEPT** for Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 30-31.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-27, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Nov. 28, Dec. 11-24.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 1-5.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-27. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 8-Feb. 28. No internal combustion engines and craft allowed in Green Tree Reservoir.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 8-23.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct 1-Feb. 28.

13. BOISE-VERNON (Owner - Boise-Cascade Company - 55,672 Acres. Region 5):

Area Closed: Oct. 23-24, to all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 23-24.

Either-sex: Oct. 30-31, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Nov. 1-25, Dec. 18-Jan. 2.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29-Dec. 5.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 23-24, Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 28. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 8-Feb. 6. Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

14. BUCKHORN (Department Owned - 11,262

Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Dec. 29-Jan. 9.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-28. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 17-Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 17-31.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

15. CAMP BEAUREGARD (Louisiana National Guard - 12,500 Acres, Region 3):

Daily military clearance is required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self-Clearing permit required once per year at Range Central Building, telephone (318) 641-3355, 641-3365 or LDWF, Region 3 Office, telephone (318) 487-5885. All or portions of the area may be closed daily due to military activities. All game harvested must be reported on self-clearing checkout permit.

Area Closed: Oct. 9-10 to all **EXCEPT** youth deer hunters.

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 9-10. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

Bucks only: Dec. 18-26.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 26-27, Jan. 1-2. All deer harvested must be brought to Rifle Range Road Weigh Station.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 9-10. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 8-Feb. 28. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

16. DEWEY W. WILLS (Department Owned - 61,871 Acres, Region 3):

Area Closed: Oct. 30-31, to all **EXCEPT** youth and handicapped deer hunters.

Deer:

Special Handicapped Season: Oct. 30-31, either-sex. That portion of the area north of the Diversion Canal shall be open only to handicapped hunters.

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 30-31, either-sex. That portion of the area south of the Diversion Canal shall be open to youth hunters only.

Special Youth Lottery: Dec. 4-5, 11-12, Jan. 8-9, 15-16. Contact Region 3 Office (318-487-5885) for

details and applications.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-27. All deer harvested must be brought to weigh station.

Bucks only: Nov. 28, Jan. 1-9.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-27. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 28 and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed from Jan. 17-Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 17-31.

May 1-Sept. 26, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Nighttime Chase only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs on designated trails during take season only.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Crawfish: Limited to 100 pounds per person per day. All season dates on Larto Tracts (see WMA map) same as outside, **EXCEPT** still hunt only and **EXCEPT** deer hunting restricted to **ARCHERY ONLY**. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

17. ELBOW SLOUGH (Department Owned - 160 acres, Region 3):

Mourning Dove: Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only from Sept. 4-12, Oct. 9-31.

Rabbit: Feb. 1-28. Beagles allowed.

All other seasons closed. Steel shot only for all hunting.

18. ELM HALL (Department Owned - 2,839 Acres, Region 6):

Self-clearing permits required for hunters only.

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 26-27.

Bucks only: Nov. 28 and Dec. 27-Jan. 9.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-27.

No ATVs allowed.

19. FLOY WARD McELROY (Department Owned - 681 acres, Region 2):

Access restricted. Contact Monroe Region Office at 318-343-4045 for information.

Deer:

Youth Lottery Hunt: Oct. 23-24, Nov. 6-7, 13-14. Restricted to those selected as a result of the pre-application lottery.

Mourning Doves: Youth Hunt: Second weekend of the Mourning Dove Season (Saturday and Sunday only).

20. FORT POLK (Owner - U.S. Army and U.S.

Forest Service - 105,545 Acres, Region 5):

Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk or the building at Alligator Lake entrance, telephone 1-888-718-3029 or (337) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system. New special regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued or at http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk_hunt/.

Deer:

Either-sex: Oct. 30-31, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Nov. 1-25.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28, Mandatory Deer Check.

Muzzleloader: Oct. 9-15, Dec. 4-5, Self-Clearing Permit required, Special Permit, Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Bucks only: Dec. 6-10.

Either-sex: Dec. 11-12.

Bucks only: Dec. 13-17.

Either-sex: Dec. 18-19.

Bucks only: Dec. 20-Jan. 2.

Special Archery regulations for Cantonment Areas, check locally at Building #7654. Either-Sex deer legal **Sept. 18-Jan. 15.** Remainder of WMA restricted to bucks only when Bucks-Only gun season is in progress.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 11-12, Dec. 18-19.** Hunter Orange must be worn when bucks only gun hunts for deer are in progress. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 3-Feb. 28.**

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Sept. 18-Jan. 2.**

Fishing: Special regulations pertaining to fishing are posted at specific lakes.

21. GRASSY LAKE (Department Owned - 12,983 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 26-27, Daily permit.

Bucks only: Nov. 28, Jan. 1-9.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Nov. 26-27.** Beagles allowed for rabbits **Feb. 1-28.**

Sport Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT** permitted only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted **EXCEPT** on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits

available from area supervisor Spring Bayou Headquarters or Opelousas Region Office.

Crawfishing: April 1-July 31. Recreational only. 100 lbs per boat or group daily.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Feb. 28.**

22. JACKSON-BIENVILLE (Owner - Weyerhaeuser, et. al. - 32,185 Acres, Region 1):

Beginning September 1, 2004, ATVs are allowed **ONLY** on non-public maintained gravel roads and marked ATV trails.

Area Closed (portion): Oct. 16-17, on designated portions. Closed to all hunters **EXCEPT** youth and handicapped deer hunters.

Deer:

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Oct. 16-17, for handicapped and youth hunters only on a portion of Jackson-Bienville WMA. Contact Minden Region Office for Handicapped Permits and specific map. Handicapped Permit must be obtained in advance from any Region Office. Self-clearing permits are also required.

Note: Daily Permits for the **Nov. 20-21** either-sex deer hunt will be available from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on **Nov. 19** at the Field Office Daily Permit Check Station on North Road. Daily Permit Check Stations will be open at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, **Nov. 20** and Sunday, **Nov. 21.**

Either-sex: Nov. 20-21, daily permit.

Nov. 22-28, Dec. 4-5, Dec. 25-26, Jan. 1-2, self-clearing permit.

Bucks only: Nov. 29-Dec. 3, Dec. 6-24, Dec. 26-31.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED Oct. 16-17 (portion)** and **Nov. 20-21** and **EXCEPT** waterfowl may only be hunted on Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rabbits may be hunted with beagles **Jan. 3-Feb. 28.** Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 3-Feb. 28.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 3-Feb. 6.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Feb. 28.** All hogs must be reported at Self-Clearing Permit Station or Daily Permit Station.

23. JOYCE (Department Owned - 15,059 Acres, Region 7):

Deer: Same as outside, still hunt only.

Muzzleloader: Same as outside.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and

regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

24. LAKE BOEUF (Department Owned - 802 Acres, Region 8):

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer and hog hunting only. Self-Clearing Permit available at Theriot Canal boat landing off LA Hwy. 308.

Hunting until 12:00 noon for all game **EXCEPT** during Youth Lottery Hunt. All nighttime activities prohibited.

AREA CLOSED: Nov. 22-Jan. 9, **EXCEPT** for Youth Lottery Deer Hunters and use of waterways for access purposes only.

Deer:

Experimental Youth Lottery Hunt: Dec. 4-5, Jan. 8-9 (afternoons only), either-sex. Daily youth hunt permit required. To apply or for more information, contact New Iberia Office, Fur and Refuge Division, 337-373-0032.

Archery: Oct. 1-Nov. 21, Jan. 10-31.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 22-Jan. 9, and beagles prohibited during archery season.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1- Nov. 21, Jan. 10-Feb. 28.

25. LAKE RAMSEY (Department Owned - 796 Acres, Region 7):

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28. Dogs allowed for squirrel hunting Jan. 8-Feb. 28.

Foot traffic only - All vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

26. LITTLE RIVER (Department Owned - 4,727 Acres, Region 3):

Deer:

Bucks only: Oct. 30-Nov. 7.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 26-27, Jan. 1-2

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 8-23.

May 1-Sept. 26, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Nighttime Chase only. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs during take season only.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 8-Feb. 28. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28.

27. LOGGY BAYOU (Department Owned - 4,084, State land Office-159, U. S. Army Corp of Engineers-2,138 Acres, Region 1).

Deer:

Nov. 26-28, either-sex, mandatory deer check.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29-Dec. 5

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-28. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 3-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 3-Feb. 6.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

28. MANCHAC (Department Owned - 8,328 Acres, Region 7):

Deer: Archery Only, same as outside.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** steel shot required for rails, snipe and gallinules.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

29. MAUREPAS SWAMP (Department Owned - 61,950 acres, Region 7):

Deer: Either-sex: Nov. 26-28.

Bucks only: Dec. 18-Jan. 2.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 3-9.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-28. Beagles allowed for rabbits Feb. 1-28.

30. OUACHITA (Department Owned - 9,641 Acres, Region 2):

Area Closed: Oct. 16-17 to all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

Waterfowl Refuge: North of LA Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during duck season including early teal season.

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 16-17.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Dec. 11-24.

Waterfowl: South of LA Hwy. 15, same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 16-17, Nov. 26-28, **EXCEPT** for the Pintail Alley area.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 16-17, Nov. 26-28. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck season.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Sept. 27-Oct. 10, Oct. 23-Nov. 14, Jan. 15-30.

Crawfish: April 1-May 31, 100 pounds per person per day limit. No traps or nets left overnight.

Commercial Fishing: **CLOSED.**

All nighttime activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

31. PASS-A-LOUTRE (Department Owned - 115,596 Acres, Region 8):

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer, unmarked hog and rabbit hunting only. Permits available at Pass-a-Loutre Headquarters.

Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Deer: Archery only, **Oct. 1-Jan. 31.**

Small Game: Same as outside. Beagles allowed only when archery season is closed.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Feb. 28.**

Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA Map.

Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

Camping and houseboat mooring allowed **ONLY** in designated areas. See Self-Clearing Permit Station at headquarters for designated areas.

ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

32. PEARL RIVER (Department Owned - 35,031 Acres, Region 7):

Area Closed: Nov. 6-7 to all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 6-7.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-27, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Nov. 28 and Dec. 4-26.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 13-21, Dec. 27-Jan 9.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 6-7, Nov. 26-27. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 10-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 10-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge Area and **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 6-7, Nov. 26-27, north of U.S. Hwy. 90.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Oct. 2-17 and Jan. 10-23.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Feb. 28.**

All roads closed 8 p.m. - 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of the Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a \$6.00 fee.

33. PEASON RIDGE (Owner - U.S. Army - 33,010 Acres, Region 5):

Daily military clearance is required to hunt any game. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year at Building #7654, North Fort Polk, telephone no. 1-888-718-3029 or (337) 531-5715 to obtain information on areas open for hunting. Either-Sex deer season daily permits available at daily permit stations. Trappers must also register at Building #7654 and use Self-Clearing system. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users. This information available where permits are issued. (http://www.jrtc-polk.army.mil/fpk_hunt/).

Deer:

Bucks only: Oct. 30-Nov. 25.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28.

Muzzleloader: Oct. 9-15, Dec. 4-5. Special Permits available at Building #7654. A selected portion of the area to be open.

Bucks only: Dec. 6-10.

Either-sex: Dec. 11-12.

Bucks only: Dec. 13-17.

Either-sex: Dec. 18-19.

Bucks only: Dec. 20-Jan. 2.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-28, Dec. 11-12, Dec. 18-19. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 3-Feb. 28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Jan. 2.**

34. POINTE-AUX-CHENES (Department Owned - 35,267 Acres, Region 8):

All nighttime activities prohibited.

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer hunting only. Permits available from headquarters on LA Hwy. 665 at Point Farm gate behind Montegut Middle School and at Bason's Boat Landing in Cutoff. Hunting until 12 noon on all game **EXCEPT** for mourning dove and youth lottery deer hunts.

All Pointe-aux-Chenes property EXCEPT Point Farm Unit and Restricted Areas:

Deer:

Bucks only: Nov. 27-28, Dec. 18-21.

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

Small Game: Same as outside, **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 27-28, Dec. 18-21. Beagles prohibited until Dec. 22.

Waterfowl: Same as outside. Experimental Lottery Handicapped Waterfowl Hunt. Contact New Iberia office, Fur and Refuge Division for details (337)-373-0032.

POINT FARM UNIT: Point Farm Unit is an approximately 1,000 acre area inside the Pointe-aux-

Chenes WMA which is generally bounded on the west by the double gates behind the Montegut Middle School and the WMA boundary, and on the north by the WMA boundary and Point Farm ridge levee, and is bounded on the east and south by the Point Farm ridge levee. The boundary of Point Farm is more accurately marked with signs. Point Farm gate will be open during the first 3 Saturdays of the 2nd segment of mourning dove season and all weekends during the month of February. Parking in designated areas required for mourning dove hunting. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. All activities **CLOSED** until Nov. 8 **EXCEPT** for mourning dove hunting and Youth Lottery Deer Hunt.

Deer:

Experimental Lottery Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 2-3 and Nov. 6-7 (afternoons only). Daily Youth Hunt Permit required. To apply or for more information call the New Iberia Office, Fur & Refuge Division, 337-373-0032.

Archery: Nov. 8-Jan. 31.

Mourning Dove: Hunting will be permitted only on the first 3 Saturdays of the second split. Gates will be opened at 10:00 a.m. and hunting hours will be from 12:00 noon until official sunset.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** until Nov. 8.

Waterfowl: CLOSED.

Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish is for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited.

Vessels/Vehicle: Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. are prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units and all interior ditches and duck ponds on the WMA. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the Department.

35. POMME DE TERRE (Department Owned - 6,434 Acres, Region 6):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 26-27, Daily Permit.

Bucks only: Nov. 28, Jan. 1-9.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-27. Beagles allowed for rabbit Feb. 1-28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 17-Feb. 28.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday **EXCEPT** closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing Permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou Headquarters.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT** allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Crawfish: April 1-July 31. Recreational only. 100 lbs. per boat or group daily.

36. RED RIVER (Department Owned - 29,964 Acres; U.S. Corps of Engineers - 11,717 Acres, Region 4):

Area Closed: Oct. 30-31 to all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 30-31.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-27, Daily Permit.

Bucks only: Nov. 28, Jan. 1-9.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-27, and **EXCEPT** no hunting in unharvested agricultural fields. Hunting restricted on Yakey Wetland Development Area to Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during waterfowl season.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Crawfishing prohibited on Yakey Farms wetland restoration projects.

37. RUSSELL SAGE (Department Owned - 16,835 Acres, Region 2):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Dec. 11-26.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 4-5.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-28. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 8-Feb. 28. Snipe hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited during duck

season.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Sept. 27-Oct. 10, Oct. 23-Nov. 14, Jan. 15-30.

Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit.

Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

Note: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (US 165 North) same as outside, **EXCEPT** still hunt only and **EXCEPT** deer hunting restricted to archery only. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

38. SABINE (Owner - International Paper Company, Boise-Cascade Co., Et Al - 13,706 Acres, Region 3):

Area Closed: Oct. 9-10 to all but Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt: Oct. 9-10.

Either-sex: Oct. 23-24, Mandatory Deer Check.

Nov. 26-28, Self-clearing Permit.

Bucks only: Oct. 30-Nov. 24.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 4-10.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 9-10, Oct. 23-24, Nov. 26-28.

Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 8-Feb. 28 and squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 8-Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 8-23.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

39. SABINE ISLAND (Owner - State of Louisiana and Calcasieu Parish School Board - 8,695 Acres, Region 5):

Self-Clearing Permits required for hunters only.

Area Closed: Sept. 25-26 to all **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Sept. 25-26. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 1-Feb. 28.

Deer: Same as Area 8 Deer Season **EXCEPT** still hunt only.

Youth Deer Hunt: Sept. 25-26.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 8-Feb. 6. Permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Sept. 18-Feb. 28.

Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

40. SALVADOR/TIMKEN (Department Owned - 32,617 Acres, Region 8):

Self-Clearing Permit required for deer and unmarked hog hunting only. Permits available at Pier 90, Bayou

Gauche and Bayou Segnette landings and at Flemming Canal Store in Lafitte. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited.

Area Closed: Nov. 6-7, to all activities **EXCEPT** Youth Deer Hunters and Youth Waterfowl Hunters.

Deer:

Archery: Oct. 1-Jan. 31, **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 6-7.

Experimental Youth Deer Hunt: Nov. 6-7.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 4-5.

Bucks only: Dec. 6-19.

Small Game: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 6-7, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-19. Hunting with beagles allowed only after closure of second split of duck season.

Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** hunting after 12 noon prohibited.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Recreational Fishing:

Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) maximum may be taken for bait. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs maximum are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the Wildlife Management Area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Boats powered by internal combustion engines having horsepower ratings above 25 h.p. are permitted only in oil company access canals, Louisiana Cypress Canal, the Netherlands Pond including the West Canal, Lakes "Baie Des Chactas" and "Baie Du Cabanage" and the Rathborne Access ditch. Use of mudboats powered by internal combustion engines with four cylinders or less is permitted in interior ditches from Sept. 4-Feb. 1 **EXCEPT** as permitted for the regulated harvest of furbearers. Pulling boats over levees, dams or water control structures or any other activities which cause detriment to the integrity of levees, dams and

water control structures is prohibited.
ATVs and motorcycles prohibited on this area.

41. SANDY HOLLOW (Department Owned - 3,515 Acres, Region 7):

No hunting with any firearm south of Jackson Road, except school board tract, on days of scheduled field trials. Dates of field trials are listed on the check stations or can be obtained from the Region 7 office (225-765-2360).

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5, Dec. 11-12.

Bucks only: Dec. 6-10, 13-19.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 20-Jan. 2.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5, Dec. 11-12. Beagles allowed for rabbit hunting Jan. 8-Feb. 28. Squirrel dogs allowed Jan. 8-Feb. 28. Except quail closes Jan. 31.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

Raccoon: Jan. 8-23.

Mourning Dove: Sept. 4 and Sept. 11-12 only of first split. Closed remainder of 1st split. Second and third splits are same as outside **EXCEPT** Youth Hunt on Northern tract during the opening day of the first segment (Sept. 4). Hunt restricted to youths younger than 16 years of age and supervising adult who must be 18 years of age or older. The supervising adult must maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times.

Bird Dog Training: Sept. 6-Nov. 14 and Feb. 1-28, EXCEPT restricted to that portion south of LA Hwy. 10 only and **EXCEPT** blank pistols only. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited).

Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region 7 Office.

Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer **EXCEPT** as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas.

42. SHERBURNE (Department Owned - 11,780 Acres; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - 15,220 Acres; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - 16,618 Acres, Region 6):

The area known as the South Farm is located on the East Side of Sherburne WMA. No hunting will be allowed **EXCEPT** waterfowl hunting within the levee system of the farm from the day after the Youth Deer Hunt until the day after waterfowl season closes. Waterfowl hunting will be allowed by lottery only. Hunting will be allowed in the wooded portions east of the waterfowl impoundments.

Consult the WMA maps for exact locations.

Area Closed: Oct. 30-31 EXCEPT to Youth and Handicapped deer hunters.

Deer: Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunt: Oct. 30-31, either-sex, ALL OTHER SEASONS CLOSED. Self-Clearing Permit, Mandatory Deer Check.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5, Mandatory Deer Check

Bucks only: Dec. 27-Jan. 9.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.

Squirrel & Rabbit: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5. Beagles allowed for rabbits Feb. 1-28. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed Jan. 17-Feb. 28.

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail, & Gallinules: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 (excluding the South Farm Complex) and **EXCEPT** hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited and **EXCEPT** no hunting in Waterfowl Refuge and **EXCEPT** steel shot only on waterfowl impoundments. That portion of Sherburne WMA known as the South Farm restricted to Lottery hunts only. South Farm waterfowl hunting limited to one hunt per calendar week per person. All other hunting closed on South Farm complex Nov. 1-Jan. 31. Contact the Region Office for details and description of "South Farm."

Woodcock and Mourning Dove: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5.

Quail: CLOSED

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 17-25. Permit required from WMA Headquarters or Opelousas Office.

Crawfishing: April 1-July 31, Recreational crawfishing only on the South Farm Complex. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized water craft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required.

Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on East Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries.

Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office, telephone (225) 765-2931. No trespassing in restricted areas behind ranges.

Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No

hunting or trapping in restricted area.

43. SICILY ISLAND HILLS (Department Owned - 7,504 Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 26-27, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Nov. 28, Dec. 11-24.

Muzzleloader: Dec. 1-5.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-27.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

44. SODA LAKE (Caddo Levee District - 1,300 Acres, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers-1,200 Acres, Region 1):

Note: Due to the addition of new acreage the management plan for Soda Lake WMA is being developed. Contact the Minden Region I Office (318) 371-3050 for possible changes in the regulations and maps.

No motorized vehicles allowed. Bicycles allowed. Vehicle parking allowed only in designated parking area on La. Hwy. 173 at Twelve Mile Bayou and La. Hwy. 169 adjacent to levee. All trapping and hunting prohibited **EXCEPT** archery hunting for deer.

Deer: Archery only, Oct. 1-Jan. 31.

45. SPRING BAYOU (Department Owned - 12,506 Acres, Region 6):

Area Closed: Oct. 30-31, **EXCEPT** to Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 30-31.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-27, Daily Permit.

Bucks only: Nov. 28, Jan 1-9.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-27. Beagles allowed for rabbits Feb. 1-28.

Commercial Fishing: Permitted Monday through Friday **EXCEPT** slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. **CLOSED** until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Sport Fishing: Same as outside **EXCEPT** allowed after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season.

Crawfish: April 1-July 31. Recreational only, 100 lbs. per person or group daily.

No hunting allowed in Headquarters area.

Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and Regulations posted at campsite. A fee is assessed for use of this campsite. Water skiing permitted only in Old River and Grand Lac.

46. TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD (Owner - Tangipahoa Parish School Board-1,643 Acres, Region 7)

Self-Clearing Permits required for all activities.

South Tangipahoa Tract adjacent to Joyce WMA will have the same seasons and regulations as the Joyce WMA.

The remaining tracts will have the following seasons and regulations:

Deer and Waterfowl: Same as outside.

Squirrel: Oct. 2-Feb. 28. Dogs allowed Jan. 24-Feb. 28.

Rabbit: Oct. 2-Feb. 28. Beagles allowed Jan. 24-Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 24-Feb. 28.

No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed.

47. THISTLETHWAITE (Owner - Thistlethwaite Heirs -11,100 Acres, Region 6):

Area Closed: Oct. 30-31, **EXCEPT** to Youth Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Youth Deer Hunt: Oct. 30-31.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Dec. 18-26.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 3-9.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through Main Gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

48. THREE RIVERS (Department Owned - 28,124 Acres; Office of State Lands-835 Acres, U.S. Corps of Engineers - 1,085 Acres, Region 4):

Deer:

Either-sex: Nov. 26-27, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Nov. 28, Jan. 1-9.

Muzzleloader: Jan. 10-16.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-27. Beagles allowed for rabbits Jan. 17-Feb. 28.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Jan. 17-30.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from Oct. 1-Feb. 28.

49. TUNICA HILLS (Department Owned - 5,783 Acres, Region 7):

Deer:

Muzzleloader: Nov. 26-Dec. 5.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Nov. 26-Dec. 5. All handguns and .22 caliber rifles prohibited north of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract).

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Feb. 28**.

All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area.

North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) **CLOSED** to the general public **March 1-September 30 EXCEPT** spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

50. UNION (Owner - Plum Creek Timber Co. - 11,391 Acres, Region 2):

Deer:

Either-sex: Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, Daily Permit.

Small Game and Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 30-31, Nov. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 26-28, Dec. 4-5. Beagles allowed for rabbits **Jan. 8-Feb. 28**. Squirrel hunting allowed with dogs **Jan. 8-Feb. 28**.

Raccoon: (Nighttime), **Jan. 8-28**. Permit required from Monroe region office.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters from **Oct. 1-Feb. 28**.

All nighttime activities prohibited **EXCEPT** as otherwise provided.

51. WEST BAY (Owners - Boise-Cascade Co., La. Pacific Corp., Willamette Industries, et al - 60,000 Acres, Region 5):

Area Closed: Oct. 23-24, to all **EXCEPT** Youth and Handicapped Deer Hunters.

Deer:

Special Deer Season for Youth & Handicapped Hunters: Oct. 23-24, for handicapped and youth hunters only.

Either-sex: Oct. 30-31, Mandatory Deer Check.

Bucks only: Nov. 1-25 and Dec. 18-Jan. 2.

Either-sex: Nov. 26-28.

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29-Dec. 5.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT CLOSED** Oct. 23-24, 30-31, Nov. 26-28. Beagles allowed for rabbits **Jan. 8-Feb. 28**. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 8-Feb. 28**.

Raccoon (Nighttime): **Jan. 8-Feb. 6**, permit required from Lake Charles Region Office.

52. WISNER (Owner - Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee - 16,837 Acres, Region 8):

Self-Clearing Permit not required.

Small Game & Waterfowl: Same as outside **EXCEPT** rabbit season closed during open waterfowl season. Beagles allowed during closed waterfowl season.

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

Catahoula and Winn Ranger Districts.

Deer:

- Dec 11+12 - bucks only with antlers*
- Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader.
 - Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only.
 - Nov. 1-7, bucks only, still hunt only.
 - Nov. 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only.
 - Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only.
 - Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only.
 - Dec. 4, either-sex, with or without dogs.
 - Dec. 5, bucks only, with or without dogs.
 - Dec. 18-20, bucks only, still hunt only.
 - Dec. 27-Jan. 4, bucks only, with or without dogs.
 - Jan. 8-9 - bucks only, with antlers*

Kisatchie Ranger District, Natchitoches Parish and Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District, Rapides Parish

Deer:

- changed Dec 18+19 - bucks only with antlers Dec 26 - Jan 4*
- Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader.
 - Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only.
 - Nov. 1-6, 13-14, 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only.
 - Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only.
 - Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only.
 - Dec. 4-5, bucks only, with or without dogs.
 - ~~Dec. 27-31~~, bucks only, with or without dogs.

National Forest lands within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District, described in still hunt only area shall be still hunt only.

Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District, Vernon Parish, Excluding Fort Polk WMA

Deer:

- Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader.
- Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 1-6, 13-14, 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Dec. 4-5, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Dec. 27-31, bucks only, still hunt only.

Caney Ranger District, Webster and Claiborne Parishes.

Deer: Same as outside (Area 2) EXCEPT still hunt only.

*See Area 2 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne Parishes.

OTHER SEASONS ON KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

Archery: Same dates as shown for statewide archery deer hunting schedule.

All Other Small Game: Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress.

The placing of seed, corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement for any species including hogs is prohibited on National Forest Lands. Hunting over such feed is prohibited on all National Forest lands.

Moving deer or hogs with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noise or noise-making devices is prohibited.

Raccoons and opossums may be taken during daylight or nighttime from **Oct. 3-Feb. 28 only**. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, EXCEPT during the trapping season when there shall be no limit.

All hunters (including archers and small game hunters) EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. Quail hunters, woodcock hunters and archers (while on the ground) also must wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap during dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel. ALSO, all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

One antlered or one antlerless (when legal) deer per day. Season limit is six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 36,000 Acres in Grant and Winn Parishes):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits for deer:

Deer:

- Oct. 9-10, either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, Daily Permit.
- Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader, Daily Permit.
- Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.
- Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.
- Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit **Jan. 8-Feb. 28 only**. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front

shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 8-Feb. 6.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Dogs allowed **Jan. 8-28.**

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 38,000 Acres in Natchitoches Parish):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits required for deer:

Deer:

Oct. 9-10, either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, Daily Permit.

Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader, Daily Permit.

Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit **Jan. 8-Feb. 28,** only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 8-Feb. 6.**

Raccoon (Nighttime): Dogs allowed **Jan. 8-28.**

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360, telephone (318) 473-7160. Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS INDIAN BAYOU AREA

(28,480 Acres within St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes):

Annual Permits required. For more information, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System Project Office, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577 at (337) 585-0853.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Deer:

Daily Limit - 1 Deer; Yearly limit - 4 deer (2 does, 2 bucks, 6 points or better) EXCEPT spikes less than 3 inches are legal on either-sex days ONLY.

Mandatory Deer Checkout on all gun and muzzleloader hunts.

Archery: Oct. 16-Feb. 15.

Oct. 30-31, Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt, either-sex, no antler restrictions.

Nov. 26-28, either-sex gun hunt.

Dec. 4-5, either-sex gun hunt.

Dec. 11-17, either-sex muzzleloader hunt.

Dec. 27-Jan. 9, bucks only gun hunt.

Jan. 15-16, Physically challenged deer hunt, either-sex, no antler restrictions.

Jan. 24-31, bucks only muzzleloader hunt.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED

Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 and Jan. 15-16. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 17-23 and Feb. 1-6.** Rabbit hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 17-Jan. 23 and Feb. 1-28.**

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail & Gallinule: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED **Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 and Jan. 15-16** and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Mourning Dove and Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED **Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 and Jan. 15-16.**

Quail: CLOSED.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED **Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 and Jan. 15-16.**

Crawfishing: Feb. 1-Aug. 31 Additional Permit required, available **Jan. 1.**

KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

Catahoula and Winn Ranger Districts.

Deer:

- Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader.
- Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 1-7, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Nov. 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Dec. 4, either-sex, with or without dogs.
- Dec. 5, bucks only, with or without dogs.
- Dec. 11-12, bucks only, with or without dogs.
- Dec. 18-20, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Dec. 27-Jan. 4, bucks only, with or without dogs.
- Jan. 8-9, bucks only, with or without dogs.

Kisatchie Ranger District, Natchitoches Parish and Evangeline Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District, Rapides Parish

Deer:

- Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader.
- Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 1-6, 13-14, 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Dec. 4-5, bucks only, with or without dogs.
- Dec. 18-19, bucks only, with or without dogs.
- Dec. 26-Jan. 4, bucks only, with or without dogs.

National Forest lands within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District, described in still hunt only area shall be still hunt only.

Vernon Unit of the Calcasieu Ranger District, Vernon Parish, Excluding Fort Polk WMA

Deer:

- Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader.
- Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 1-6, 13-14, 20-25, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only.
- Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Dec. 4-5, bucks only, still hunt only.
- Dec. 27-31, bucks only, still hunt only.

Caney Ranger District, Webster and Claiborne Parishes.

Deer: Same as outside (Area 2) EXCEPT still hunt only.
*See Area 2 for either-sex dates in Webster and Claiborne Parishes.

OTHER SEASONS ON KISATCHIE NATIONAL FOREST

Archery: Same dates as shown for statewide archery deer hunting schedule.

All Other Small Game: Same as outside.

Unmarked Hogs: May be taken by properly licensed hunters while hunting and only with guns or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. The placing of seed, corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement for any species including hogs is prohibited on National Forest Lands. Hunting over such feed is prohibited on all National Forest lands.

Moving deer or hogs with organized drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noise or noise-making devices is prohibited.

Raccoons and opossums may be taken during daylight or nighttime from **Oct. 3-Feb. 28 only**. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, EXCEPT during the trapping season when there shall be no limit.

All hunters (including archers and small game hunters) EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. Quail hunters, woodcock hunters and archers (while on the ground) also must wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap during dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel. ALSO, all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".
One antlered or one antlerless (when legal) deer per day. Season limit is six per season (all segments included) by all methods of take.

NATIONAL CATAHOULA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 36,000 Acres in Grant and Winn Parishes):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits for deer:

Deer:

- Oct. 9-10, either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, Daily Permit.
- Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader, Daily Permit.
- Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.
- Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.
- Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit **Jan. 8-Feb. 28** only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 8-Feb. 6**.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Dogs allowed **Jan. 8-28**.

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

NATIONAL RED DIRT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PRESERVE

(Owner - Kisatchie National Forest - 38,000 Acres in Natchitoches Parish):

Season Permit required from Forest Supervisors Office in addition to Daily Permits required for deer:

Deer:

Oct. 9-10, either-sex, special youth hunt, Daily Permit. Also, either-sex, special season for physically challenged hunters with a LDWF Physically Challenged Hunt Permit, Daily Permit.

Oct. 23-24, either-sex, muzzleloader, Daily Permit.

Oct. 30-31, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 26, either-sex, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Nov. 27-28, bucks only, still hunt only, Daily Permit.

Rabbit: Same as outside EXCEPT beagles allowed for rabbit **Jan. 8-Feb. 28**, only. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulder and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on the Wildlife Management Preserve.

Squirrel: Same as outside EXCEPT squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 8-Feb. 6**.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Dogs allowed **Jan. 8-28**.

All Other Game: Consult Regulations Pamphlet issued by Kisatchie National Forest.

To obtain permits and information contact: Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Hwy., Pineville, LA 71360, telephone (318) 473-7160. Office hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CORPS OF ENGINEERS INDIAN BAYOU AREA

(28,480 Acres within St. Landry and St. Martin Parishes):

Annual Permits required. For more information, please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System Project Office, 112 Speck Lane, Port Barre, LA 70577 at (337) 585-0853.

All hunting shall be still hunting only, EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

Deer:

Daily Limit - 1 Deer; Yearly limit - 4 deer (2 does,

2 bucks, 6 points or better) EXCEPT spikes less than 3 inches are legal on either-sex days ONLY. Mandatory Deer Checkout on all gun and muzzleloader hunts.

Archery: Oct. 16-Feb. 15.

Oct. 30-31, Youth and Physically Challenged Deer Hunt, either-sex, no antler restrictions.

Nov. 26-28, either-sex gun hunt.

Dec. 4-5, either-sex gun hunt.

Dec. 11-17, either-sex muzzleloader hunt.

Dec. 27-Jan. 9, bucks only gun hunt.

Jan. 15-16, Physically challenged deer hunt, either-sex, no antler restrictions.

Jan. 24-31, bucks only muzzleloader hunt.

Small Game: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED

Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 and Jan. 15-16. Squirrel hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 17-23 and Feb. 1-6.** Rabbit hunting with dogs allowed **Jan. 17-Jan. 23 and Feb. 1-28.**

Waterfowl, Snipe, Rail & Gallinule: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED **Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 and Jan. 15-16** and hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited.

Mourning Dove and Woodcock: Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED **Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 and Jan. 15-16.**

Quail: CLOSED.

Raccoon (Nighttime): Same as outside EXCEPT CLOSED **Oct. 30-31, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4-5 and Jan. 15-16.**

Crawfishing: Feb. 1-Aug. 31 Additional Permit required, available **Jan. 1.**

National Park & Preserve
JEAN LAFITTE ~~STATE PARK~~ HUNTING SEASONS
2004-05

Archery, either sex:	October 23 to November 24 December 4-5
Archery, antlered only:	November 25 to December 3 December 6 to December 19 January 1 to January 16
Shotgun, either sex:	November 23-24 December 4-5
Shotgun, antlered only:	November 25-December 3 December 6 to December 19 January 1 to January 16
Small game:	October 25 to December 19 January 1 to January 16
Trapping:	November 22 to March 31, 2005

Stands removed by 5:00 pm, January 30, 2005

**Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge
Proposed Hunt Seasons for 2004-2005**

Small Game (Rabbit)

Acres Open: 2,400 acres

Dates/Days Open: December 1st - End of State season; dogs allowed after close of State gun deer season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

Deer - Archery ONLY

Acres Open: 4,000 acres (October 1 - November 31) and 2,400 acres (October 1 - January 31)

Dates/Days Open: State Season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: Number of days in restricted area has been increased by 31.

Waterfowl - (Ducks, Geese, & Coots)

Acres Open: 2,400 acres

Dates/Days Open: Wednesday and Saturday until noon during State waterfowl season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

Waterfowl - Youth Weekend

Acres: 2,400 acres

Dates/Days Open: During State Youth waterfowl weekend

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

Waterfowl - Youth Lottery

Acres: 250 acres

Dates/Days Open: (5 hunt days) A Youth Lottery hunt will be conducted in the Crawfish Pond unit. Dates will be finalized after State waterfowl season is set.

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

Woodcock

Acres: 2,400 acres

Dates/Days Open: State Season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

Mourning Dove

Acres: 2,400 acres

Dates/Days Open: Open ONLY during Waterfowl hunt days (Wed. & Sat.) Incidental take of doves are allowed while waterfowl hunting.

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge

Proposed Hunt Seasons for 2004/2005

Cat Island NWR is comprised of 9,500 acres, 8,600 acres of which is in the hunt zone.

Small Game (Squirrel & Rabbit)

Acres Open: 8,600

Dates/Days Open: State season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts;
dogs allowed after close of State gun deer season

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

Deer-Archery

Acres Open: 8,600

Dates/Days Open: State Season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts

Bag Limit: State Limit; either sex everyday

Significant Changes: N/A

Deer-Muzzleloader

Acres Open: 8,600

Dates/Days Open: one 2-day lottery hunt November 6-7, 2004; one deer either sex per
hunt; 300 permits will be drawn AND one first come-first serve walk-up hunt
January 8-9, 2005 for 150 hunters each day (river-level permitting).

Bag Limit: One per hunt, either sex

Significant Changes: addition of walk-up hunt in January

Deer-Gun

Acres Open: 8,600

Dates/Days Open: one 2-day lottery hunt November 20-21, 2004; one deer either sex per
hunt; 300 permits will be drawn

Bag Limit: One per hunt, either sex

Significant Changes: N/A

Waterfowl

Acres Open: 8,600

Dates/Days Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during State
waterfowl season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

Woodcock

Acres Open: 8,600

Dates/Days Open: State season; closed during refuge gun and muzzleloader deer hunts

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

Lake Ophelia National Wildlife Refuge

Proposed Hunt Seasons for 2004/2005

Small Game (Squirrel & Rabbit)

Acres Open: 12,255 acres (10/4 to 11/30) and 10,390 acres (12/1 to end of state gun season)

Dates/Days Open: State season; closed during refuge youth and muzzleloader deer hunts; dogs allowed after close of State deer gun season until end of state seasons.

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

Deer-Archery

Acres Open: 12,995 acres (11/1 to 11/30) and 10,360 acres (12/1 to 1/31)

Dates/Days Open: ~~Nov. 1, 2004 through Jan. 31, 2005~~, except closed during refuge youth and muzzleloader deer hunts.

Bag Limit: State Limit, either sex.

Significant Changes: none

*Nov. 13 - Jan. 2
Jan. 17 - Feb. 15*

Youth Shotgun/Muzzleloader Deer Hunt

Acres Open: 12,255 acres

Dates/Days Open: Nov. 6-7, 2004

Bag Limit: One deer either sex with shotguns slugs or muzzleloader only

Significant Changes: none

Deer-Muzzleloader-Lottery Hunts (900 total permits issued)

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Days Open: Dec. 11-12, 2004, Jan. 8-9, 2005, and Jan. ~~22-23~~, 2005

Bag Limit: One deer either sex per hunt

Significant Changes: none

15-16

Waterfowl

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Days Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during State waterfowl season; closed during refuge youth, gun and muzzleloader deer hunts

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: none

Youth Waterfowl Hunt

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Dates Open: State Season

Significant Changes: none

Early Teal

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Dates Open: State Season

Significant Changes: none

Woodcock

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Days Open: State season; closed during refuge youth and muzzleloader deer hunts

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: N/A

Dove

Acres Open: 10,390 acres

Dates/Days Open: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during State dove & duck seasons beginning with the second split; closed during refuge youth, and muzzleloader deer hunts.

Bag Limit: State Limit

Significant Changes: Opening of dove season on Lake Ophelia NWR.

Spring Turkey**Lottery Hunt**

Acres Open: 10,395 acres

Dates/Days Open: First three days of the State season (Sat.-Monday)

Bag Limit & Method: One gobbler per hunter/season, shotguns with shot size smaller than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and lottery drawing for 30 permits. Application deadline-Feb. 28, 2005.

Significant Changes: Only one weekend lottery hunt

Open Hunt

Acres Open: 10,395 acres

Dates/Days Open: Beginning the second weekend of the season and ending on the last day of the State season.

Bag Limit & Method: One gobbler per hunter/season, shotguns with shot size smaller than #2 lead or BB steel shot. Hunters must complete a self-clearing permit before and after each hunt.

Significant Changes: none

BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

2004-2005 HUNT SCHEDULE

<u>SPECIES:</u>	<u>RABBIT AND SQUIRREL</u>
Type Hunt:	Modern firearms
Season:	Oct. 2, 2004 - Jan. 9, 2005(without dogs) Jan. 10 - Feb. 6, 2005(with/without dogs)
Bag Limits:	State Regulations
Comments:	Closed during Youth hunts, Muzzleloader Hunt, and lottery deer hunt. Approved non-toxic shot required. .22 rimfire is allowed.
Permits:	General Permits
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	<u>DEER (EITHER SEX)</u>
Type Hunt:	Modern firearms (Open Youth Hunt)
Season:	Nov. 20- Nov. 21, 2004
Limits:	State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)
Permits:	General Permits
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	<u>DEER (EITHER SEX)</u>
Type Hunt:	Archery
Season:	Oct. 30, 2004 - Jan. 31, 2005
Bag Limits:	State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)
Comments:	Closed during youth hunts, lottery deer hunt, and Muzzleloader hunt.
Permits:	General Permits
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	<u>DEER (EITHER SEX)</u>
Type Hunt:	Primitive Weapon (Muzzleloader)
Season:	Dec. 04 – Dec. 05, 2004
Bag Limits:	State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)
Permits:	General Permits
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	<u>DEER (EITHER SEX)</u>
Type Hunt:	Modern firearms (lottery deer hunt)
Season:	Dec. 18-19, 2004
Limits:	State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)
Permits:	Lottery Permit Required
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	<u>DEER (EITHER SEX)</u>
Type Hunt:	Modern firearms (lottery youth)
Season:	Dec 29 - 30, 2004
Bag Limits:	State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)
Permits:	Lottery Permit Required
Significant Changes:	New Hunt

<u>SPECIES:</u>	<u>DEER (EITHER SEX)</u>
Type Hunt:	Modern firearms (lottery youth)
Season:	Jan. 8 - 9, 2005
Bag Limits:	State Regulations (exception: 1 deer/day)
Permits:	Lottery Permit Required
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	<u>WOODCOCK</u>
Type Hunt:	Modern firearms
Season:	Jan. 12 - Jan. 31, 2005
Bag Limits:	State Regulations
Permits:	General Permits
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	<u>WATERFOWL</u>
Type Hunt:	Modern firearms
Season:	Open Tues., Thurs., Sat, & Sun until noon during State season (closed during early teal season, lottery deer hunt, youth hunts, and muzzleloader hunt)
Bag Limits:	State regulations
Permits:	General Permits
Significant Changes:	None

<u>SPECIES:</u>	<u>WATERFOWL</u>
Type Hunt:	Modern firearms (Youth Lottery)
Season:	Last weekend of state waterfowl season 2005
Bag Limits:	State Regulations
Permits:	Lottery Permit Required
Significant Changes:	This is a new hunt

**CATAHOULA
NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
Proposed Hunts For 2004-2005**

Headquarters Unit

Species: Small Game (squirrel, rabbit without dogs (raccoon, unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rim fire rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
Season: October 2 - 31
Bag Limit: State Regulations
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Deer (squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State season except closed during refuge gun hunt.
Bag Limit: State regulations - One deer per day (either-sex)
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Deer (unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Gun
Season: November 26 - 27 Area south of French Fork of Little River.
Bag Limit: State Regulations - One deer per day (either-sex)
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Bushley Bayou Unit

Species: Small Game (squirrel, rabbit without dogs (raccoon, unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Gun (.22 rim fire rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
Season: October 2 - December 17 (except closed during refuge deer gun and muzzleloader hunts)
Bag Limit: State Regulations
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Small Game (squirrel, rabbit w/without dogs (raccoon, unmarked hog incidental))
Type Hunt: Firearm (.22 rim fire rifle or shotgun w/non-toxic shot)
Season: December 20 - end of State Season.
Bag Limit: State Regulations
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Deer (squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: State season (except closed during deer gun and muzzleloader hunts)
Bag Limit: State regulations - One deer per day (either-sex)
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Deer (unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Muzzleloader
Season: November 15 - 19 and December 18 - 19
Bag Limit: State regulations - One deer per day (either-sex)
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: November's date coincides with first segment of Area 1 muzzleloader hunts - Monday thru Friday only.

Species: Deer (unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Gun
Season: November 26 - 28 & December 4 - 5
Bag Limit: State regulations - One deer per day (either-sex)
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl, Youth w/without dogs (unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Gun (non-toxic shot)
Season: State Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days, East Zone, until noon of each day.
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl w/without dogs (unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Gun (non-toxic shot)
Season: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon. State season (except closed during deer gun and muzzleloader hunt)
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

Species: Doves, Rails, Gallinules, Snipe, Woodcock w/without dogs (unmarked hog incidental)
Type Hunt: Gun (non-toxic shot)
Season: State season (except closed during deer gun and muzzleloader hunts)
Bag Limit: State regulations
Permits: Refuge hunt permit and daily bag report required.
Proposed Changes: None

**Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge
2004 – 2005 Proposed Hunt Schedule**

Note: No Significant Changes from 2003-2004 Seasons

Species: Small Game – Squirrel and Rabbit without dogs
Type Hunt: Gun
Season: October 2 – December 2, 2004
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
Note: Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

Species: Small Game – Squirrel and Rabbit with or without dogs
Type Hunt: Gun
Season: December 6, 2004 – February 6, 2005
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
Note: Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: Archery; either-sex
Season: November 6, 2004 – January 31, 2005
Permit: Access permit on hunt brochure
Note: Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: Youth Modern Firearm Hunt; either-sex (Refuge Wide)
Season: November 20- 21, 2004
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure and Proof of Hunter Education

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: Youth Lottery Modern Firearm Hunt; (Greenlea Ag Unit)
Season: December 27-28, 2004
Permit: Proof of Hunter Education
Note: Creates youth hunting opportunities and assist deer population control efforts in Greenlea Ag Unit.

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: 1st Lottery Modern Firearm Hunt
Season: November 26-27, 2004
Permit: Limited Permit Hunt

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: 2nd Lottery Modern Firearm Hunt
Season: December 11-12, 2004
Permit: Limited Permit Hunt

Species: Deer
Type Hunt: Muzzleloader; either-sex
Season: December 3-5, 2004
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure

Species: Waterfowl
Season: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sundays until noon
During regular state season
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
Note: Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: Lottery Youth Hunt (Greenlea Ag Unit)
Season: January 8, 2005
Permit: Proof of Hunter Education

Species: Waterfowl
Type Hunt: Youth Hunt (Refuge Wide)
Season: State-Wide Youth Waterfowl Day
Permit: Proof of Hunter Education

Species: Raccoon
Type Hunt: Modern Firearm
Season: January 1, 2005 – February 6, 2005
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure

Species: Woodcock
Type Hunt: Gun
Season: State Season
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure
Note: Closed during modern firearm and muzzleloader hunts for deer

Species: Turkey
Type Hunt: Gun
Season: 16 day season – TBA
Bag Limit: 1 Gobbler per day
Permit: Access Permit on Hunt Brochure

Red River National Wildlife Refuge
2004-2005 Proposed Hunt Schedule

Waterfowl – State Season (with) 12:00 noon.

Mourning Doves – First three days of state season

Quail, Woodcock – State Season

Squirrel, Rabbit – State Season (No Dogs)

Raccoon, Opossum – During rabbit season (Daylight Hours Only, No Dogs)

Feral Hogs, Coyotes and Beaver – Legal to take during all refuge hunts

Deer Archery – State Season

2004-2005 Hunting Seasons*

Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge

Waterfowl – State Season

Limited Youth Waterfowl – First Saturday of State Youth Waterfowl Hunt (Mollicy Unit only)

Mourning Dove – First 3 days of state season (Mollicy Unit only, outside levee)

Quail, Woodcock – State Season

Squirrel, Rabbit – State Season

Raccoon, Opossum – December 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005

Feral Hogs, Coyotes, and Beaver – Legal to take during all refuge hunts

Deer Archery – State Season

Deer Gun Hunting (Either-Sex) – Nov. 6-7, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 2004

***No significant changes in seasons, limits, etc. from 2003-2004 season**

2004-2005 Hunting Seasons*

D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge

Waterfowl – State Season (closed during special teal season)

Quail, Woodcock – State Season

Squirrel, Rabbit – State Season

Raccoon, Opossum – December 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005

Feral Hogs, Coyotes, and Beaver – Legal to take during all refuge hunts

Deer Archery – State Season

Deer Gun Hunting (Either-Sex) – Nov. 6-7, 26-28, Dec. 4-5, 2004

Restricted Deer Hunt (Class 1 wheelchair bound permit) – Nov. 13-14, 2004

Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge

Ducks, Coots – State Season (closed during special teal season)

Quail, Woodcock – State Season

Squirrel, Rabbit – State Season

Raccoon, Opossum – December 1, 2004 through January 31, 2005

Coyotes, Beaver – Legal to take during all refuge hunts

Deer Archery – October 1 through December 31, 2004

***No significant changes in seasons, limits, etc. from 2003-2004 season**

Proposed Hunt Dates: Bogue Chitto NWR (Louisiana & Mississippi) 2003-2004

Deer: Archery--October 1-31, 2004 (either sex), January 1-9, 2005 (either sex)

Deer: General Gun Hunt--November 27-28, 2004 (either sex), November 20-26, 2004
December 11-19, 2004 (Bucks only)

Still hunt only, no dogs permitted during refuge deer hunts.

Deer: Primitive Weapon – December 4-10 (either sex)

Squirrel: State Season - no dogs.

May be taken with the aid of dogs from November 6-14, 2004 and from
Dec.20, 2004 to the end of the state squirrel season. Non-toxic shot only.

Rabbit: State Season - no dogs.

May be taken with the aid of dogs from November 6-14, 2004 and after the close of
the state deer gun season. Non-toxic shot only.

Raccoon: January 10, 2004 - February 28, 2005 (with dogs)

Turkey: State season (gobblers only)

Waterfowl: State season until noon

Woodcock: State season. Non-toxic shot only - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.

Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge archery, primitive weapon, and general gun deer
hunts. Additionally, from January 10, 2004 - February 28, 2005, hogs may be taken
only with the aid of dogs during daylight hours. All hogs must be killed prior to
removal from the refuge.

Possession of lead shot during refuge small game hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: Elizabeth Soubeyran 2/11/04
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: _____
Louisiana Department of Wildlife Date
and Fisheries

Proposed Hunt Dates: Big Branch Marsh NWR 2004-2005

- Deer: Archery--State season (either sex)
- Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck season; includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.
- Additionally: The first two weekends of the regular state duck season will be by special permit only. A total of 100 permits will be issued for each weekend of this period.
- Squirrel: State Season - may be taken with the aid of dogs **only** after the close of state deer gun season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.
- Rabbit: State Season - may be taken with the aid of dogs **only** after the close of tstate deer gun season. Shotguns only, non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.
- Gallinules & Rails: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller.
- Snipe & Woodcock: State Season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.
- Quail: State season. Non-toxic shot only, shot size #4 or smaller - recognized breeds of setter/retriever only.
- Hogs: May be taken only during the refuge archery hunt with archery equipment

Possession of lead shot during all refuge hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: Elizabeth S. S. S. S. 2/11/04
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

Concurrence By: _____
Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

Proposed Hunt Dates: Delta NWR 2004-2005

Deer: Archery--October 1-31 (either sex) and from the day after the close of the state duck season through the end of the state deer archery season.

Waterfowl: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the state duck seasons, includes special teal hunt and youth waterfowl hunt.

Additionally: The refuge shall be open on Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday until noon during the 'light goose' special conservation season.

Rabbit: From the day after the state duck season closes through the end of the state rabbit season. Shotguns only, nontoxic shot only.

Hogs: May be taken during the refuge deer archery hunt with archery equipment.

Possession of lead shot during all refuge hunts is prohibited.

Recommended By: Elizabeth Sorenson 2/11/04
Refuge Manager Date

Approved By: _____
District Manager, USFWS (RF-1) Date

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Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Date

**LACASSINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
PROPOSED HUNT REGULATIONS FOR 2004/2005 SEASON**

Migratory Game Birds - Public Hunt Area

Species: Waterfowl and gallinules
Type Hunt: General gun.
Waterfowl Season: Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons (including early teal and youth hunt) for western zone.
Gallinule Season: Mornings until noon on Wednesday through Sunday during State duck seasons until end of State gallinule season (including early teal and youth hunt) for western zone.
Bag Limit: Same as state bag limits.
Permits: Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.

Significant Changes:

1. A portion of the area opened in 2001 may be deleted as a buffer zone or hunted as a lottery to decrease the hunters using this area and preserve the quality of hunting.
2. Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. One adult 21 years of age or older must supervise each youth hunter (within sight of and in normal voice contact). Each adult must have a refuge permit and may supervise no more than two youths during the waterfowl hunts.

Migratory Game Birds - Lottery Hunt

Species: Waterfowl and gallinules
Type Hunt: General gun.
Waterfowl Season: Mornings until noon on designated Wednesdays (seniors) and Saturdays (youth) during State duck seasons for western zone (second split).
Gallinule Season: Mornings until noon on Wednesdays (seniors) and Saturdays (youth) during State duck seasons for western zone (second split) until the end of the state gallinule season.
Bag Limit: Same as state bag limits.
Permits: Special Use Permit.
Significant Changes: One adult 21 years of age or older must supervise each youth hunter (within sight of and in normal voice contact).

Big Game

Species: Deer, either sex.
Type Hunt: Archery.
Season: October 1 through 31.

Bag Limit:

One legal deer per day (of either sex).

Permits:

Free hunt brochure serves as permit when signed, dated, and in hunter's possession.

Significant Changes: Youth hunters under age 16 must successfully complete a State approved hunter education course. While hunting, each youth must possess and carry a card or certificate of completion. One adult 21 years of age or older must supervise each youth hunter (within sight of and in normal voice contact). Each adult must have a refuge permit and may supervise no more than two youths.

Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge 2004-2005 Proposed Hunt Schedule

Species: Either-sex Deer
Type Hunt: Archery
Season: All Dates of October
Bag Limit: State limits apply
Permit: Season permit on Hunt Brochure
Other: Must have proof of completion for the International Bowhunters Education Program. All hunters must check in at a self-clearing check station each day.

Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl (Ducks and Geese)
Type Hunt: Limited Youth (up to 2) accompanied by an adult. 5 blinds hunted/day
Season: Selected Saturdays of the Louisiana west zone duck season and 2-3 days during Thanksgiving and Christmas school holidays.
Bag Limit: State limits apply
Permit: One day permits issued by lottery drawing
Other: Youth must have proof of completion of a certified State Hunter Education Program.
Firearms: Shotguns with approved Non-Toxic shot.
Significant Changes: None

Species: Rabbit (swamp and cottontail)

Significant Changes: The experimental rabbit season will be closed. Hunter satisfaction and hunter harvest (Ave. 1 rabbit/hunter) were extremely low.

Species: Snipe
Type Hunt: General Public
Season: Remaining Saturdays of the state season following the closure of the state waterfowl season. Hunts will be conducted 12:00 noon to sunset Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.
Bag Limit: State limits apply
Permit: Season permit required.
Other: Must complete a harvest information card following the hunt. This season is still experimental. If unforeseen problems arise this hunt may be discontinued
Firearms: Shotguns with approved Non-Toxic shot.
Significant Changes: None

Species: Dove
Type Hunt: General Public

Season: Entire first split of the state dove season. Hunts will be conducted 12:00 noon to sunset Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Bag Limit: State limits apply

Permit: Season permit required.

Other: Must complete a harvest information card following the hunt. This season is still experimental. If unforeseen problems arise this hunt may be discontinued

Firearms: Shotguns with approved Non-Toxic shot.

Significant Changes: None

SABINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
2004-05 PROPOSED HUNTING

Species: Teal (September Teal Hunt)
Type Hunt: General
Season: Mornings only on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during
State season for western zone

Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Required
Significant Changes: None

Species: Waterfowl (Ducks, Coots and Geese)
Type Hunt: General
Season: Mornings only on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during
State season for western zone

Bag Limit: Same as State
Permits: Required
Significant Changes: None

Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge 2004/2005 Proposed Hunt Schedule

Species:	Deer and Feral Hog
Type Hunt:	Archery
Season:	State Season
Bag Limit:	State Limit
Permits:	Daily Check Card
Significant Changes:	None

Species:	Waterfowl
Type Hunt:	General Gun
Season:	Wednesdays and Saturdays of State Season
Bag Limit:	State Limit
Permits:	Refuge Lottery Permit
Significant Changes:	None

Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge 2003/2004 Harvest Summary

Archery Deer and Feral Hog

	No. Harvested	Male:Female	Average estimated weight (lbs)	Hunter effort (Hunter days/ animal)
Deer	2	2:0	120	129
Feral Hog	5	0:5	115	52

Youth and Adult Lottery Waterfowl

	No. of Ducks	Hunter Days	Hunter Success (ducks/hunter day)
Youth Hunts	81	60	1.35
Adult Hunts	175	72	2.43
Totals	256	132	1.94

Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge

2004/2005 Proposed Hunt Schedule

Species:	Deer
Hunt Type:	Archery
Season Dates:	October 01-November 19
Bag Limit:	1 deer per day, either sex
Permits:	Lottery permit
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	Deer
Hunt Type:	Youth gun
Season Dates:	November 6,7
Bag Limit:	1 deer per day, either sex
Permits:	Lottery permit
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	Deer
Hunt Type:	General Gun
Season Dates:	November 20, 21 November 26,27,28
Bag Limit:	1 deer per day, either sex
Permits:	Lottery permit
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	Squirrel/Rabbit
Hunt Type:	General Gun
Season Dates:	October 03- November 19 Dec. 01 - last date of State waterfowl season (Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday)
Bag Limit:	State bag limit
Permits:	Lottery permit
Significant Changes:	None
Species:	Waterfowl
Hunt Type:	General
Season Dates:	State waterfowl season (Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday only during 2 nd split)
Bag Limit:	State bag limit
Permits:	Lottery permit
Significant Changes:	None

Not to be included in the hunting regulations pamphlet

Barksdale Air Force Base (BAFB) - Bossier Parish-

All seasons are to be set within the outside season dates **except** deer which will open with Area 2 and close with Area 6 (experimental) and **except** all deer seasons are either sex.

Camp Minden / Louisiana Army National Guard - Bossier and Webster Parishes

All seasons are to be set within the outside seasons dates **except** all deer seasons are either-sex.

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL

The Department requests the Commission approve a special either-sex deer season for the Camp Avondale Scout Reservation in East Feliciana Parish:

November 13-14-15, 2004

Purpose of the Scout Hunt

There are 2 primary reasons for the Scout Deer Hunt on the Avondale Boy Scout Reservation:

1. To provide some quality outdoor recreational opportunities for the Scouts, and to promote a close father/son activity.
2. To provide a biological control of the deer herd. Without some type of hunting the deer herd will continue to expand beyond the ability of the range to support it. Overpopulation will result in deterioration of the range and decline in herd health.

Background

Most of East Feliciana Parish has a late deer rut occurring from mid-December to early January. When the Scout hunt was first initiated in 1983 it was conducted late in the year. The resulting kill was very low despite high deer populations. A number of years later Department Biologist, Dave Moreland discovered and was able to document, the deer herd in the Avondale area had a very early rut similar to that encountered in western Louisiana. It was determined there was a small area near Clinton, Louisiana, including Camp Avondale, which exhibits the odd, early rut.

For a number of years the Department designated an earlier opening season zone for this small area which enabled hunters to take advantage of the early rut. A number of years later a group of local landowners circulated a petition requesting this deer hunting season area be moved back into the later zone and be similar to that of the rest of the parish. No significant objection was heard from most other landowners in the small zone, and after being warned most of the rut would be over before the modern firearm season even started, the Department went ahead and moved the small block back into the later Area 1 zone. Special Commission approval has been obtained to hold an early hunt on the Scout Reservation ever since.

Need for the Special Season

The purpose of the Avondale Scout Reservation is to provide a place for as much Scouting activity as possible to be conducted. The Scout Office is concerned when a gun hunt is held on the Reservation, as all other Scouting activities must be shut down during the hunt for obvious safety and liability reasons.

Understandably, the Scout Office is reluctant to shut the Reservation down any longer than absolutely necessary to adequately control the deer population. Therefore, it is necessary to shoot

the deer herd as hard as possible in the shortest period of time. Deer activity and movement is at its highest during the rut. This is why we want to schedule the Reservation hunt during the rut when the deer are most active and vulnerable to harvest.

As previously stated, the deer rut on the Avondale Scout Reservation has been documented to occur in the first two weeks of November. This is well before the Area 1 season opens.

A special Commission approved early season allowing the Boy Scout Office to control the deer herd on Avondale Scout Reservation is requested.

RESOLUTION
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
July 1, 2004

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 1, 2004.

WHEREAS, it is the constitutional responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting rules and regulations for the State and WMAs, and

WHEREAS, authority to establish regulations that govern public and private lands is vested in the Commission by R.S. 56:115, and

WHEREAS, this action will provide for the protection and conservation of these natural resources and allow for recreational opportunities for sport hunting on both public and private lands, and

WHEREAS, the Commission and Department staff have jointly reviewed and considered all information pertinent to the rule and regulations governing hunting, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached rules and regulations affecting sport hunting of resident game species are hereby adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

RULE

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby promulgate rules and regulations governing the hunting of resident game birds and game quadrupeds.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§111. General and Wildlife Management Area Hunting Rules and Regulations

A. Hunting Seasons and Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. The rules and regulations contained within this digest have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission under authority vested by Sections 115 and 116 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and are in full force and effect in conjunction with all applicable statutory laws. The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has the authority to close or alter seasons in emergency situations in order to protect fish and wildlife resources.

2. Pursuant to Section 40.1 of Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has adopted monetary values which are assigned to all illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed fish, wild birds,

wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life. Anyone taking, possessing, injuring or destroying fish, wild birds, wild quadrupeds and other wildlife and aquatic life shall be required to reimburse the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a sum of money equal to the value of the wildlife illegally taken, possessed, injured or destroyed. This monetary reimbursement shall be in addition to any and all criminal penalties imposed for the illegal act.

B. Resident Game Birds and Animals

1. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

C. Other Season Dates

1. Turkey. Please refer to separate pamphlet.

2. Raccoon and Opossum. No closed season. Raccoon and opossum can be taken at night by one or more licensed hunters with one or more dogs and one .22 rimfire firearm. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum with .22 rimfire rifle, .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloader rifle or shotgun during daylight hours during the open rabbit season. Hunting from boats or motor vehicles is prohibited. No bag limit for nighttime or daytime raccoon or opossum hunting during the open trapping season except on certain WMAs as listed. The remainder of the year, the raccoon and opossum bag limit for daytime or nighttime is one per person per day or night. No one who hunts raccoons or opossums as prescribed above shall pelt during the closed trapping season nor sell skins or

carcasses of raccoons and opossums taken during the open trapping season unless he is the holder of a valid trapping license which shall be required in addition to his basic hunting license. Pelting or selling carcasses is illegal during closed trapping season.

3. Nutria. On WMAs and private property nutria may be taken recreationally by licensed hunters from September 1 through February ~~29~~ 28 during legal shooting hours by any legal hunting method with a daily limit of five. ~~When no limit EXCEPT if~~ taken with a shotgun, steel shot must be used. On WMAs during waterfowl seasons, nutria may be taken only with the use of shotguns with shot no larger than F steel, and during gun deer seasons, anyone taking nutria must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap or hat. Recreational nutria hunters must remove each nutria carcass in whole condition from the hunting area, except that nutria may be gutted. Possession of detached nutria parts, including nutria tails, by recreational hunters is illegal. Nutria harvested recreationally may not be pelted nor may such nutria or any nutria parts from recreationally taken nutria be sold, including the tail. ~~Pelting or selling of carcasses is illegal EXCEPT when taken by a licensed trapper during the trapping season.~~ Trespassing upon private property ~~without consent~~ for the purpose of taking nutria or other furbearing animals is punishable by fines and possible jail time (R.S. 56:265). The Coastwide Nutria Control Program is a separate program and is in no way

related to the nutria recreational season. For questions on the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, call the New Iberia office (337) 373-0032.

4. Blackbirds and crows. The season for crows shall be September 1 through January 2 with no limit; however crows, blackbirds, cowbirds and grackles may be taken year round during legal shooting hours if they are depredating or about to depredate upon ornamentals or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock, wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers as to cause a health hazard. Louisiana has determined that the birds listed above are crop depredators and that crows have been implicated in the spread of the West Nile virus in humans.

5. Pheasant. CLOSED.

6. Falconry. Special permit required. Resident and migratory game species except turkeys may be taken. Seasons and bag limits are the same as for statewide and WMA regulations EXCEPT squirrels may be taken by licensed falconers until the last day of February. Refer to LAC 76:V.301 for specific Falconry Rules.

7. Licensed Hunting Preserve. October 1 - April 30. Pen-raised birds only. No limit entire season. Refer to LAC 76:V.305 for specific Hunting Preserve Rules.

8. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). Land enrolled in the voluntary program will be assessed a \$25 registration fee and 5¢/acre fee. Deer management assistance tags must be in the possession of the hunter and attached and locked to

antlerless deer (including those taken on either-sex days and those taken with bow or muzzleloader) through the hock in a manner that it cannot be removed before the deer is transported. Failure to do so is a violation of R.S. 56:115. Failing to follow DMAP rules and regulations may result in suspension and cancellation of the program on those lands involved. Refer to LAC 76:V.111 for specific DMAP Rules.

9. Farm Raised White-tailed Deer and Exotics on
Licensed Supplemented Shooting Preserves

a. Definitions

Exotics: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the family Bovidae (except the Tribe Bovini [cattle]) or Cervidae which is not indigenous to Louisiana and which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve. Exotics shall include, but are not limited to, fallow deer, red deer, elk, sika deer, axis deer, and black buck antelope.

Hunting: In its different tenses and for purposes of this rule means to take or attempt to take, in accordance with R.S. 56:8.

Same as Outside: For purposes of this rule means hunting on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve must conform to applicable statutes and rules governing hunting and deer hunting, as provided for in Title 56 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes and as established annually by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC).

Supplemented Hunting Preserve: For purposes of this rule means any enclosure for which a current Farm-Raising License has been issued by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) with concurrence of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and is authorized in writing by the LDAF and LDWF to permit hunting.

White-tailed Deer: For purposes of this rule means any animal of the species Odocoileus virginianus which is confined on a Supplemented Hunting Preserve.

b. Seasons

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Consult the regulations pamphlet.

ii. Exotics: year round.

c. Methods of Take

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: Exotics may be taken with longbow (including compound bow) and arrow; shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, loaded with buckshot or rifled slug; handguns and rifles no smaller than .22 caliber centerfire; or muzzleloading rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, using black powder or an approved substitute only, and using ball or bullet projectile, including sabot bullets only.

d. Shooting Hours

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

e. Bag Limit

i. Farm-Raised White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No limit.

f. Hunting Licenses

i. White-tailed Deer: Same as outside.

ii. Exotics: No person shall hunt any exotic without possessing a valid basic and big game hunting license.

g. Tagging. White-tailed Deer and Exotics: Each animal shall be tagged in the left ear or left antler immediately upon being killed and before being moved from the site of the kill with a tag provided by the LDAF. The tag shall remain with the carcass at all times.

10. Bobcat. The hunting of bobcats will be legal only during the open deer season in all deer hunting areas. The legal shooting hours and the legal methods for the taking of bobcats shall be the same as defined for the taking of deer. License requirements shall also be the same for deer. The season limit shall be one.

D. Hunting-General Provisions

1. A basic resident or non-resident hunting license is required of all persons to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported by any other person any wild bird or quadruped. See

information below for exceptions.

2. All persons born on or after September 1, 1969 must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to purchase a Basic Hunting License, EXCEPT any active or veteran member of the United States armed services or any POST-certified law enforcement officer. Application for the exemption shall be filed in person at the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries main office building in the city of Baton Rouge. A person younger than 16 years of age may hunt without such certificate if he is accompanied by, and is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older, EXCEPT during a statewide youth deer hunt, the youth must have satisfactorily completed a Hunter Safety course approved by LDWF to participate.

3. A big game license is required in addition to the basic hunting license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any deer or turkey. A separate wild turkey stamp is required in addition to the basic hunting license and the big game license to hunt, take, possess or cause to be transported any turkey.

4. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft or participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

5. Methods of taking resident game birds and quadrupeds

a. It is illegal to intentionally feed, deposit, place, distribute, expose, scatter, or cause to be fed, deposited,

placed, distributed, exposed, or scattered raw sweet potatoes to wild game quadrupeds.

b. Use of a longbow (including compound bow) and arrow or a shotgun not larger than a 10 gauge fired from the shoulder without a rest shall be legal for taking all resident game birds and quadrupeds. Also, the use of a handgun, rifle and falconry (special permit required) shall be legal for taking all game species except turkey. It shall be illegal to hunt or take squirrels or rabbits at any time with a breech-loaded rifle or handgun larger than a .22 caliber rimfire or a muzzleloader rifle larger than .36 caliber. During closed deer gun season, it shall be illegal to possess shotgun shells loaded with slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot while small game hunting.

c. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs is prohibited when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, and will be strictly enforced. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge or capable of holding more than three shells shall be prohibited. Plugs used in shotguns must be incapable of being removed without disassembly. Refer to game schedules contained within these regulations for specific restrictions on the use of firearms and other devices.

6. Nuisance animals. Landowners or their designees may remove beaver and nutria causing damage to their property without a special permit. Water set traps and firearms may be used to

remove beaver; nutria may be removed by any means EXCEPT that nutria cannot be taken by the use of headlight and gun between the hours of sunset and sunrise. With a special permit issued by the Department, beavers may be taken between one-half hour after official sunset to one-half hour before official sunrise for a period of three consecutive calendar evenings from the effective date of the permit. For specific details contact a regional office near you. Any nuisance beaver or nutria trapped or shot outside open trapping season cannot be pelted or sold. A trapping license is required to sell or pelt nuisance beavers or nutria taken during open trapping season. Squirrels found destroying commercial crops of pecans may be taken year-round by permit issued by the Department. This permit shall be valid for 30 days from the date of issuance. Contact the local regional office for details.

7. Threatened and endangered species - Louisiana black bear, Louisiana pearl shell (mussel), sea turtles, gopher tortoise, ringed sawback turtle, brown pelican, bald eagle, peregrine falcon, whooping crane, Eskimo curlew, piping plover, interior least tern, ivory-billed woodpecker, red-cockaded woodpecker, Bachman's warbler, West Indian manatee, Florida panther, pallid sturgeon, Gulf sturgeon, Attwater's greater prairie chicken, whales and red wolf. Taking or harassment of any of these species is a violation of state and federal laws.

8. Unregulated quadrupeds. Holders of a legal hunting license may take coyotes, unmarked hogs where legal, and armadillos

year round during legal daylight shooting hours. The running of coyotes with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. Coyote hunting is restricted to "chase only" during still hunting segments of the firearm and archery only season for deer. Foxes ~~and bobcats~~ are protected quadrupeds and may be taken only with traps by licensed trappers during the trapping season. Remainder of the year "chase only" allowed by licensed hunters.

9. Hunting and/or discharging firearms on public roads. Hunting, standing, loitering or shooting game quadrupeds or game birds with a gun during open season while on a public highway or public road right-of-way is prohibited. Hunting or the discharge of firearms on roads or highways located on public levees or within 100 feet from the centerline of such levee roads or highways is prohibited. Spot lighting or shining from public roads is prohibited by state law. Hunting from all public roads and rights-of-way is prohibited and these provisions will be strictly enforced.

10. Tags. Any part of the deer or wild turkey divided shall have affixed thereto the name, date, address and big game license number of the person killing the deer or wild turkey and the sex of that animal. This information shall be legibly written in pen or pencil, on any piece of paper or cardboard or any material, which is attached or secured to or enclosing the part or parts. On lands enrolled in DMAP, deer management assistance tags

must be attached and locked through the hock of antlerless deer, (including those taken with bow, muzzleloader and those antlerless deer taken on either-sex days) in a manner that it cannot be removed, before the deer is moved from the site of the kill.

11. Sex identification. Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head, shall remain on any deer taken or killed within the State of Louisiana, or on all turkeys taken or killed during any special gobbler season when killing of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in camp or field, or is in route to the domicile of its possessor, or until such deer or turkey has been stored at the domicile of its possessor or divided at a cold storage facility and has become identifiable as food rather than as wild game.

E. General Deer Hunting Regulations

1. One antlered and one antlerless (when legal on private lands) deer per day EXCEPT on Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands where the daily limit shall be one deer per day. ~~Six per season Season limit is six, two of which may be antlered,~~ (all segments included) by all methods of take.

2. A legal buck is a deer with visible antler of hardened bony material, broken naturally through the skin. Killing bucks without at least one visible antler as described above and killing does is prohibited except where specifically allowed and except in West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee Parishes, and that

portion of Iberville Parish west of the Mississippi River including ~~(excluding~~ the Sherburne Wildlife Management Complex and those private lands which are totally surrounded by the Sherburne Complex~~)~~ where a legal buck shall be defined as a deer with at least 6 points or a deer with both spikes three inches long or less. To be counted as a point, a projection must be at least one inch long and its length must exceed the length of its base. The beam tip is counted as a point but not measured as a point.

3. Deer hunting restricted to legal bucks only, except where otherwise allowed.

4. Either-sex deer is defined as male or female deer. Taking or possessing spotted fawns is prohibited.

5. It is illegal to hunt or shoot deer with firearms smaller than .22 caliber centerfire or a shotgun loaded with anything other than buckshot or rifled slug. Handguns may be used for hunting.

6. Taking game quadrupeds or birds from aircraft, participating in the taking of deer with the aid of aircraft or from automobiles or other moving land vehicles is prohibited.

7. Still hunting is defined as stalking or stationary stand hunting without the use of dog(s). Pursuing, driving or hunting deer with dogs or moving vehicles, including ATVs, when or where a still hunting season or area is designated, is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. The training of deer dogs is prohibited in all still hunting areas during the gun still hunting

and archery only season. Deer hunting with dogs is allowed in all other areas having open deer seasons that are not specifically designated as still hunting only. Except in wildlife management areas, a leashed dog may be used to trail and retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer during legal hunting hours. Any dog used to trail or retrieve wounded or unrecovered deer shall have on a collar with owner's name, address, and phone number. In addition, a dog may be used to trail and retrieve unrecovered deer after legal hunting hours; however, no person accompanying a dog after legal hunting hours may carry a firearm of any sort.

8. Areas not specifically designated as open are closed.

9. Muzzleloader Segment: (Special license and muzzleloader firearms specifications apply only to the special state, WMA, National Forest and Preserves, and Federal Refuge seasons.) Still hunt only. Specific WMAs will also be open, check WMA schedule for specific details. Muzzleloader license required for resident hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Either-sex deer may be taken in all deer hunting areas EXCEPT Area 5 and as specified on Public Areas. It is unlawful to carry a gun, other than a muzzleloader, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting during the special muzzleloader segment. Except, it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot only).

a. Legal Muzzleloader Firearms For Special Season: Rifles or pistols, .44 caliber minimum, or shotguns 10 gauge or smaller, all of which must load exclusively from the muzzle or cap and ball cylinder, use black powder or approved substitute only, take ball or bullet projectile only, including sabot bullets and may be fitted with magnified scopes. This includes muzzleloaders known as "inline" muzzleloaders.

10. Archery Segment: Consult regulations pamphlet. WMA seasons are the same as outside except as noted below. Archery license required for resident bow hunters between the ages of 16 and 59 inclusive and non-residents 16 years of age and older. Residents 60 years of age and older may use a crossbow without a special permit or license. Either-sex deer may be taken in all areas open for deer hunting EXCEPT when a bucks only season is in progress for gun hunting, archer's must conform to the bucks only regulations. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at anytime during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMA. Also, archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta, Salvador, Lake Boeuf, and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs (SEE SCHEDULE).

a. Bow and arrow regulations: Hunting arrows for deer must have well-sharpened metal broadhead blades not less than 7/8 inch in width. Bow and arrow fishermen must have a sport fishing license and not carry any arrows with broadhead points unless a big game season is in progress.

i. It is unlawful:

(a). to carry a gun, including those powered by air or other means, while hunting with bow and arrow during the special bow and arrow deer season EXCEPT it is lawful to carry a .22 caliber rimfire pistol loaded with #12 shot (ratshot) only.

(b). to have in possession or use any poisoned or drugged arrow, arrows with explosive tips, or any bow drawn, held or released by mechanical means except that hand held releases are lawful.

(c). to hunt deer with a bow having a pull less than 30 pounds.

(d). to hunt with a bow or crossbow fitted with an infrared or laser sight.

11. Hunter orange. Any person hunting deer shall display on his head, chest and/or back a total of not less than 400 square inches of "HUNTER ORANGE" during the open deer gun season including muzzleloader season. Persons hunting on privately owned, legally posted land may wear a hunter orange cap or hat in lieu of the 400 square inches. These provisions shall not apply to persons hunting deer from elevated stands on property that is privately owned and legally posted or to archery deer hunters hunting on legally posted lands where firearm hunting is not allowed by agreement of the landowner or lessee. However, anyone hunting deer on such lands where hunting with firearms is allowed shall be

required to display the 400 square inches or a hunter orange cap or hat while walking to and from elevated stands. While a person is hunting from an elevated stand, the 400 square inches or cap or hat may be concealed. WARNING: DEER HUNTERS ARE CAUTIONED TO WATCH FOR PERSONS HUNTING OTHER GAME OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES NOT REQUIRING "HUNTER ORANGE".

12. Special handicapped either-sex deer season on private land. See regulations pamphlet for dates. Restricted to individuals with Physically Challenged Hunter Permit.

13. Special Youth Deer Hunt on Private Lands (Either-Sex). See regulations pamphlet for dates. Youth must be under the age of 16, must have proof of successfully completing a Department approved hunter safety course, and must be accompanied by an adult licensed to hunt big game. In West Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee Parishes and that portion of Iberville Parish west of the Mississippi River antler restrictions for bucks shall be waived.

F. Description of Areas

1. Area 1

a. All of the following parishes are open: Concordia, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Franklin, Madison, St. Helena, Tensas, Washington.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Catahoula - All EXCEPT that portion lying west of Boeuf River from Caldwell parish line to Ouachita River,

north and east of Ouachita River to La. 559 at Duty Ferry, west of La. 559 to La. 124. North and west of La. 124 westward to LaSalle parish line.

ii. Grant - East of U.S. 165 and south of La. 8.

iii. LaSalle - Portion south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to La. 124. South of La. 124 eastward to Catahoula Parish line.

iv. Livingston - North of I-12.

v. Rapides - East of U.S. 165 and north of Red River.

vi. St. Tammany - All EXCEPT that portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

vii. Tangipahoa - North of I-12.

viii. West Feliciana - All EXCEPT that portion known as Raccourci and Turnbull Island.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Catahoula - South of Deer Creek to Boeuf River, east of Boeuf and Ouachita Rivers to La. 8 at Harrisonburg, west of La. 8 to La. 913, west of La. 913 and La. 15 to Deer Creek.

ii. East Feliciana and East Baton Rouge - East

of Thompson Creek from the Mississippi state line to La. 10. North of La. 10 from Thompson Creek to La. 67 at Clinton, west of La. 67 from Clinton to Mississippi state line. South of Mississippi state line from La. 67 to Thompson Creek. Also that portion of East Baton Rouge Parish east of La. 67 from La. 64 north to Parish Line, south of Parish Line from La. 64 eastward to Amite River. West of Amite River southward to La. 64, north of La. 64 to La. 37 at Magnolia, east of La. 37 northward to La. 64 at Indian Mound, north of La. 64 from Indian Mound to La. 67. Also, that portion of East Feliciana Parish east of La. 67 from parish line north to La. 959, south of La. 959 east to La. 63, west of La. 63 to Amite River, west of Amite River, southward to parish line, north of parish line westward to La. 67.

iii. Franklin - All.

iv. St. Helena - North of La. 16 from Tickfaw River at Montpelier westward to La. 449, east and south of La. 449 from La. 16 at Pine Grove northward to La. 1045, south of La. 1045 from its junction with La. 449 eastward to the Tickfaw River, west of the Tickfaw River from La. 1045 southward to La. 16 at Montpelier.

v. Tangipahoa - That portion of Tangipahoa Parish north of La. 10 from the Tchefuncte River to La. 1061 at Wilmer, east of La. 1061 to La. 440 at Bolivar, south of La. 440 to the Tchefuncte River, west of the Tchefuncte River from La. 440 southward to La. 10.

vi. Washington and St. Tammany - East of La. 21 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, north of the Bogue Chitto River from La. 21 eastward to the Pearl River Navigation Canal, east of the Pearl River Navigation Canal southward to the West Pearl River, north of the West Pearl River from the Pearl River Navigation Canal to Holmes Bayou, west of Holmes Bayou from the West Pearl River northward to the Pearl River, west of the Pearl River from Holmes Bayou northward to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line from the Pearl River westward to La. 21. Also, that portion of Washington Parish west of La. 25 from the Mississippi state line southward to the Bogue Chitto River, then west of the Bogue Chitto River to its junction with the St. Tammany Parish line, north of the St. Tammany parish line to the Tangipahoa parish line, east of the Tangipahoa parish line to the Mississippi state line, south of the Mississippi state line to its junction with La. 25.

vii. West Feliciana - West of Thompson Creek to Illinois-Central Railroad, north of Illinois-Central Railroad to Parish Road #7, east of Parish Road #7 to the junction of U.S. 61 and La. 966, east of La. 966 from U.S. 61 to Chaney Creek, south of Chaney Creek to Thompson Creek.

2. Area 2

a. All of the following parishes are open:

i. Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Caldwell, Claiborne, DeSoto, Jackson, Lincoln, Natchitoches, Red River,

Sabine, Union, Webster, Winn.

ii. EXCEPT: Kisatchie National Forest which has special regulations. Caney, Corney, Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie have the same regulations as Area 2, EXCEPT still hunting only for deer and EXCEPT National Forest Land within the Evangeline Unit, Calcasieu Ranger District described in Area 2 description shall be still hunting only.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - North of U.S. 190 and east of La. 113. ~~from the parish line westward to Kinder, east of U.S. 165 from Kinder northward to La. 10 at Oakdale, north of La. 10 from Oakdale, westward to the parish line,~~

ii. Avoyelles - That portion west of I-49.

iii. Beauregard - East of La. 113.

iv. Catahoula - That portion lying west of Boeuf River from Caldwell parish line to Ouachita River, north and east of Ouachita River to La. 559 at Duty Ferry. West of La. 559 to La. 124. North and west of La. 124 westward to LaSalle parish line.

iv. Evangeline - All EXCEPT the following portions: east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte, and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

vi. Grant - All EXCEPT that portion south of

La. 8 and east of U.S. 165.

vii. Jefferson Davis - North of U.S. 190.

viii. LaSalle - All EXCEPT south of La. 8 from Little River eastward to La. 127 in Jena, east of La. 127 from Jena northward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 from La. 127 northward to La. 124. South of La. 124 eastward to Catahoula parish line.

~~viii~~ix. Morehouse - West of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, north and west of La. 140 to junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, west of La. 139 to junction of La. 593, west and south of La. 593 to Collinston, west of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and north of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ix. Ouachita - All EXCEPT south of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Brake.

xi. Rapides - All EXCEPT north of Red River and east of U.S. 165. South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill, and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line, and that portion south of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

xii. Vernon - East and south of La. 113, north and east of La. 465 ~~North of La. 10 from the parish line westward to La. 113, south of La. 113 eastward to the parish line. Also the~~

~~portion north of La. 465,~~ west of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and north of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

c. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Claiborne and Webster - Caney, Corney and Middlefork tracts of Kisatchie National Forest. (See Kisatchie National Forest Regulations).

ii. Ouachita - East of Ouachita River.

iii. Rapides - West of U.S. 167 from Alexandria southward to I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, west of I-49 southward to Parish Line, north of Parish Line westward to U.S. 165, east of U.S. 165 northward to U.S. 167 at Alexandria. North of La. 465 from Vernon Parish line to La. 121, west of La. 121 to I-49, west of I-49 to La. 8, south and east of La. 8 to La. 118 (Mora Road), south and west of La. 118 to Natchitoches Parish line.

iv. Vernon - East of Mora-Hutton Road from Natchitoches Parish line to Hillman Loop Road, south and east of Hillman Loop Road to Comrade Road, south of Comrade Road to La. 465, east and north of La. 465 to Rapides Parish line.

3. Area 3

a. All of Acadia, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Allen - South of U.S. 190 and west of La.

113.

ii. Beauregard - West of La. 113. ALSO east of La. 27 from the parish line north to DeRidder and north of U.S. 190 westward from DeRidder to Texas line.

iii. Calcasieu - South of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to Texas State line. Also east of La. 27 from Sulphur northward to the parish line.

iv. Iberia - West of U.S. 90 and north of La. 14.

v. Jefferson Davis - All EXCEPT north of U.S. 190.

vi. Lafayette - West of I-49 and U.S. 90.

vii. Rapides - South of La. 465 to junction of La. 121, west of La. 121 and La. 112 to Union Hill and north of La. 113 from Union Hill to Vernon Parish line.

viii. St. Landry - West of U.S. 167.

ix. Vernon - West and north of La. 113, south of La. 465, east of La. 117 from Kurthwood to Leesville, and south of La. 8 from Leesville to Texas state line.

4. Area 4

a. All of East Carroll and Richland parishes are open.

b. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Morehouse - East of U.S. 165 (from Arkansas state line) to Bonita, south and east of La. 140 to

junction of La. 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), east of La. 830-4 to Bastrop, east of La. 139 at Bastrop to junction of La. 593, east and north of La. 593 to Collinston, east of La. 138 to junction of La. 134 and south of La. 134 to Ouachita line at Wham Brake.

ii. Ouachita - South of U.S. 80 and east of Ouachita River, east of La. 139 from Sicard to junction of La. 134, south of La. 134 to Morehouse line at Wham Bake.

5. Area 5

a. All of West Carroll Parish is open.

6. Area 6

a. All of Orleans Parish is closed to all forms of deer hunting.

b. All of the following parishes are open: Ascension, Assumption, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. James, St. John, St. Martin, West Baton Rouge.

c. Portions of the following parishes are also open:

i. Avoyelles - All except that portion west of I-49.

ii. Evangeline - That portion east of I-49 to junction of La. 29, east of La. 29 south of I-49 to Ville Platte and north of U.S. 167 east of Ville Platte.

iii. Iberia - East of U.S. 90.

iv. Lafayette - East of I-49 and U.S. 90.

v. Livingston - South of I-12.

vi. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

vii. St. Landry - East of U.S. 167.

viii. St. Mary - North of U.S. 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, east of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, north of Intracoastal Waterway eastward to Terrebonne Parish line.

ix. St. Tammany - That portion south of I-12, west of Hwy. 1077 to La. 22, south of La. 22 to Tchefuncte River, west of Tchefuncte River southward to Lake Pontchartrain.

x. Tangipahoa - South of I-12.

xi. Terrebonne - North of Intracoastal Waterway from St. Mary Parish line eastward to Houma, east of Houma Navigation Canal southward to the Gulf of Mexico.

xii. West Feliciana - West of Mississippi River, known as Raccourci and Turnbull Islands.

d. Still hunting only in all or portions of the following parishes:

i. Avoyelles - North of La. 1 from Simmesport westward to La. 115 at Marksville, east of La. 115 from Marksville northward to the Red River near Moncla, south and west of the Red River to La. 1 at Simmesport.

ii. Plaquemines - East of the Mississippi

River.

iii. Rapides - South of Alexandria between Red River and U.S. 167 to the junction of U.S. 167 with I-49 at Turkey Creek Exit, east of I-49 southward to parish line.

iv. St. Bernard - All of the parish shall be still hunting only EXCEPT that portion of St. Bernard known as the spoil area between the MRGO on the east and Access Canal on the west, south of Bayou Bienvenue and north of Bayou la Loutre.

v. St. John - South of Pass Manchac from Lake Pontchartrain to U.S. 51, east of U.S. 51 from Pass Manchac to La. 638 (Frenier Beach Road). North of La. 638 from U.S. 51 to Lake Pontchartrain. West of Lake Pontchartrain from La. 638 to Pass Manchac.

vi. St. Landry - Those lands surrounding Thistlethwaite WMA bounded north and east by La. 359, west by La. 10, and south by La. 103.

7. Area 7

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

i. Iberia - South of La. 14 and west of U.S. Hwy. 90.

ii. St. Mary - South of U.S. 90 from Iberia Parish line eastward to Wax Lake Outlet, west of Wax Lake Outlet southward to Intracoastal Waterway, south of Intracoastal Waterway from Wax Lake Outlet eastward to Terrebonne Parish line.

iii. Terrebonne - South of Intracoastal

Waterway from St. Mary Parish line eastward to Houma, west of Houma Navigation Canal southward to the Gulf of Mexico.

8. Area 8

a. Portions of the following parishes are open:

~~i. Allen - That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line to U.S. 190, north of U.S. 190 eastward to Kinder, west of U.S. 165 northward to La. 10 at Oakdale and south of La. 10 from Oakdale westward to parish line,~~

~~ii. Vernon - That portion east of La. 113 from the parish line northward to Pitkin, and south of La. 10 from Pitkin southward to the parish line,~~

~~iii. Beauregard - That portion east of La. 113. Also that portion west of La. 27 from parish line northward to DeRidder, south of U.S. 190 from DeRidder to Texas state line;~~

~~iv. Calcasieu - That portion west of La. 27 from the parish line southward to Sulphur and north of U.S. 90 from Sulphur to the Texas state line.~~

G. Wildlife Management Area Regulations

1. General

a. The following rules and regulations concerning the management, protection and harvest of wildlife have been officially approved and adopted by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission in accordance with the authority provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Section 109 of Title 56. Failure to comply with these regulations will subject individual to citation

and/or expulsion from the management area.

b. Citizens are cautioned that by entering a WMA managed by the LDWF they may be subjecting themselves and/or their vehicles to game and/or license checks, inspections and searches.

c. Wildlife management area seasons may be altered or closed anytime by the Department Secretary in emergency situations (floods, fire or other critical circumstances).

d. Hunters may enter the WMA no earlier than 3:00 a.m. unless otherwise specified. On days when Daily permits are required, permit stations will open 2 hours before legal shooting hours. Hunters must check out and exit the WMA no later than two hours after sunset, ~~except for Lake Boeuf, Salvador/Timken and Pointe-aux-Chenes~~ or as otherwise specified.

e. Lands within WMA boundaries will have the same seasons and regulations pertaining to baiting and use of dogs as the WMA within which the lands are enclosed; however, with respect to private lands enclosed within a WMA, the owner or lessee may elect to hunt ~~deer~~ according to the regular season dates applicable to the geographic area in which the lands are located, provided that the lands are first enrolled in DMAP. Interested parties should contact the nearest LDWF regional office for additional information.

f. Dumping garbage or trash on WMAs is prohibited. Garbage and trash may be properly disposed of in designated locations if provided.

g. Disorderly conduct or hunting under influence of alcoholic beverages, chemicals and other similar substances is prohibited.

~~h. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval or unless otherwise specified.~~

ih. Damage to or removal of trees, shrubs, hard mast (acorn, pecans, etc.), and wild plants and non-game wildlife (including reptiles and amphibians) is prohibited without prior approval from the Baton Rouge Office. Gathering and/or removal of soft fruits, mushrooms and berries shall be limited to five gallons per person per day. ~~Persons engaged in commercial activities must obtain a permit from the Region Office.~~

ji. Burning of marshes is prohibited ~~except by permit. Permits may be obtained from the Fur and Refuge Division.~~ Hunting actively burning marsh prohibited.

kj. Nature trails. ~~Access to t~~Trails shall be limited to pedestrians only. No vehicles, ATVs, horses, mules, bicycles, etc. allowed. Removal of vegetation (standing or down) or other natural material prohibited.

lk. Deer seasons are for legal buck deer unless otherwise specified.

ml. Small game, when listed under the WMA regulations may include both resident game animals and game birds as well as migratory species of birds.

nm. Oysters may not be harvested from any WMA,

EXCEPT that oysters may be harvested from private oyster leases and State Seed Grounds located within a WMA, when authorized by the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and upon approval by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

on. Free ranging livestock prohibited.

2. Permits

a. A WMA Hunting Permit is required to hunt on WMAs.

b. Daily. Daily permits when required shall be obtained at permit stations on or near each WMA after first presenting a valid hunting license to a Department employee. Hunters must retain permit in possession while hunting. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than two hours before legal shooting time unless otherwise specified. Hunters must checkout daily and exit the area not later than two hours after sunset unless otherwise specified.

c. Self-Clearing Permits. A Self-Clearing Permit is required for ALL ACTIVITIES (hunting, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, sightseeing, etc.) on WMAs unless otherwise specified. The Self-Clearing Permit will consist of three portions: CHECK IN, CHECK OUT and a Vehicle Tag. On WMAs where Self-Clearing Permits are required, all persons must obtain a WMA Self-Clearing Permit from an Information Station. The CHECK IN portion MUST be completed and put in a permit box BEFORE each day's activity on the day of the activity (EXCEPT if hunting from a camp

users need only to check in once during any 72 hour period). Users may check-in one day in advance of use. The CHECK OUT portion must be carried by each person while on the WMA and MUST be completed and put in a permit box immediately upon exiting the WMA or within 72 hours after checking in if hunting from a camp. EACH PERSON MUST leave the Vehicle Tag portion of his permit on the dashboard of the vehicle used to enter into the WMA in such a way that it can be easily read from outside of the vehicle. This MUST be done only when the vehicle is parked and left unattended on the WMA. If an ATV, boat or other type vehicle was used to enter the WMA, then the vehicle tag must be attached to that vehicle in such a manner that it can be readily seen and read. No permit is required of fishers and boaters who do not travel on a WMA road and/or launch on the WMA as long as they do not get out of the boat and onto the WMA. When Mandatory Deer Checks are specified on WMAs, hunters must check deer at a check station. Call the appropriate Region office for the location of the deer check station on these WMAs. (Self-Clearing Permits are not required for persons only traveling through the WMA provided that the most direct route is taken and no activities or stops take place.)

d. Wild Louisiana Stamp. Persons using WMAs or other department administered lands for purposes other than hunting and fishing, such as camping, shooting on rifle ranges, berry picking, hiking, photography, bird-watching and the like, must possess one of the following: a valid Wild Louisiana stamp, a valid

Louisiana fishing license, or a valid Louisiana hunting license. Persons younger than 16 or older than 60 years of age are exempt from this requirement.

3. Special Seasons

a. Youth deer hunt. Only youths younger than 16 years of age may hunt. All other seasons are closed EXCEPT Handicapped Seasons. Youths must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of a hunter safety certification, a valid Louisiana hunting license or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults may not possess a firearm. Youths may possess only one firearm while hunting. Legal firearms are the same as described for deer hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Contact the appropriate region office for special check station locations when daily permits are required and maps of specific hunting areas. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs with youth hunts. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth hunts. NOTE: Some hunts may be by pre-application lottery.

b. Youth Mourning Dove Hunt. A youth mourning dove hunt will be conducted on specific WMAs and will follow the

same regulations provided for youth deer hunts on the second weekend of the mourning dove season (Saturday and Sunday only). Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering youth mourning dove hunts.

bc. Handicapped Season. An either-sex deer season will be held for hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit on WMAs during the dates specified under the individual WMA. Participants must possess a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Contact region office for permit application and map of specific hunting area. Consult the regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering Handicapped Seasons. Pointe-aux-Chenes will have an experimental Lottery Handicapped waterfowl hunt. Contact New Iberia Office, Fur and Refuge Division for details.

cd. Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of the pre-application lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Contact region offices for applications. Consult regulations pamphlet for WMAs offering lottery deer hunts.

~~d. Youth Deer Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected as a result of a pre-hunt lottery application drawing. Contact region offices to apply or for more information. A non-refundable application fee must be sent with application. Consult regulations pamphlet for deadline and WMAs offering Youth Deer Lottery Hunts.~~

e. Turkey Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadlines. All turkeys must be reported at Self Clearing station. Contact Region Offices for more details. Consult separate turkey hunting regulations pamphlet for more details ~~WMAs offering lottery hunts.~~

f. Waterfowl Lottery Hunts. Hunts restricted to those persons selected by lottery. Consult the regulations pamphlet for deadline. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division Office for more details.

g. Mourning Dove Lottery Hunts. Consult regulations pamphlet for individual WMA schedules or contact any Wildlife Division Office for more details.

fh. Trapping. Permits to take furbearers from WMAs may be obtained at appropriate offices when required. Consult Annual Trapping Regulations for specific dates. All traps must be run daily. Traps with teeth are illegal. On WMAs where permits are required, each trapper must submit an annual trapping report to the Region Office where his permit was obtained. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of trapping privileges on the WMAs. Permits may be obtained only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days at region offices. Hunter orange required when a deer gun season is in progress. A permit is required to carry a firearm outside of the normal hunting season and is

available at the Region Office. ~~Authorized trappers, with proper permits, may carry and use a loaded firearm (including in a motorized vehicle under power) at any time during daylight hours for the specific purpose of harvesting furbearers.~~

gi. Raccoon hunting. A licensed hunter may take raccoon or opossum, one per person per day, during daylight hours only, during the open rabbit season on WMAs. NIGHTTIME EXPERIMENTAL - ~~Season dates for specific WMAs are for nighttime raccoon hunting and permits may be required~~ All nighttime raccoon hunting where allowed is with dogs only. There is no bag limit ~~for raccoons at night unless specified in the annual regulations pamphlet.~~ Raccoon hunters with dogs must submit an annual report of their kill to the region office for WMAs where permits are required. Non-compliance will result in forfeiture of raccoon or all hunting privileges on WMAs. Permits, when required, may be obtained at region offices only between hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on normal working days.

~~h. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-aux-Chenes~~

~~WMAs EXCEPT commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.~~

ij. Sport fishing. Sport fishing, crawfishing and frogging are allowed on WMAs when in compliance with current laws and regulations EXCEPT as otherwise specified under individual WMA listings.

jk. Additional Department Lands. The Department manages additional lands that are included in the WMA system and available for public recreation. Small tracts are located in ~~Rapides~~, Vernon, Evangeline, St. Helena and other parishes. These small tracts have been acquired from the Farmers Home Administration or other sources for conservation purposes. Contact the appropriate Wildlife and Fisheries Region Office for specific information and any additional season dates.

4. Firearms

a. Firearms having live ammunition in the chamber, magazine, cylinder or clip when attached to firearms are not allowed in or on vehicles, boats under power, motorcycles, ATVs, ATCs or in camping areas on WMAs. Firearms may not be carried on

any area before or after permitted hours except in authorized camping areas and except as may be permitted for authorized trappers).

b. Firearms and bows and arrows are not allowed on WMAs during closed seasons EXCEPT on designated shooting ranges or as permitted for trapping. Bows and broadhead arrows are not allowed on WMAs EXCEPT during deer archery season, turkey season or as permitted for bowfishing.

c. Encased or broken down firearms and any game harvested may be transported through the areas by the most direct route provided that no other route exists EXCEPT as specified under Wildlife Management Area listing.

d. Loaded firearms are not allowed near WMA check stations.

e. Centerfire rifles and handguns larger than .22 caliber rimfire, shotgun slugs or shot larger than BB lead or F steel shot cannot be carried onto any WMA EXCEPT during modern firearm deer season.

f. Target shooting and other forms of practice shooting are prohibited on WMAs EXCEPT as otherwise specified.

g. Discharging of firearms on or hunting from designated roads, ATV trails or their rights-of-way is prohibited during the modern firearm and muzzleloader deer season.

5. Methods of Taking Game

a. Moving deer or hogs on a WMA with organized

drivers and standers, drivers or making use of noises or noise-making devices is prohibited.

b. On Wildlife Management Areas, Federal Refuges and National Forest Lands the daily limit shall be one deer per day. Six per season ~~Season limit is six, two of which may be antlered,~~ (all segments included) by all methods of take.

c. Baiting or hunting over bait is prohibited on all WMAs (hogs included). Unmarked hogs may be taken on some WMAs by properly licensed hunters from the beginning of archery season on the area until February 29 28 and only with guns/ammunition or bow and arrow legal for specified seasons in progress. Consult the specific WMA for additional information. Proper licenses and permits are required for hunting. Hogs may not be taken with the aid of dogs.

d. Hunters who kill deer on WMAs that require daily permits must have deer checked at the check station on same day of kill. Deer may not be skinned or have any external body parts removed including but not limited to feet, legs, tail, head or ears before being checked out.

e. Deer hunting on WMAs is restricted to still hunting only. No WMA will be open for deer during early still hunt season unless specified in the regulation pamphlet.

f. Construction of and/or hunting from permanent tree stands or permanent blinds on WMAs is prohibited. Any permanent stand or permanent blind will be removed and destroyed.

g. On Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges, all deer stands must be removed from the area no later than two hours after the end of legal shooting hours each day. Hunting from utility poles, high tension power lines, oil and gas exploration facilities or platforms is prohibited.

h. A permanent blind is any blind using non-natural materials or having a frame which is not dismantled within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds with frames of wood, plastic, metal poles, wire, mesh, webbing or other materials may be used but must be removed from the WMA within two hours after the end of legal shooting time each day. Blinds made solely of natural vegetation and not held together by nails or other metallic fasteners may be left in place but cannot be used to reserve hunting locations. All decoys must be removed from the WMA daily.

i. It is illegal to save or reserve hunting locations using permanent stands or blinds. Stands or blinds attached to trees with screws, nails, spikes, etc. are illegal.

j. Tree climbing spurs, spikes or screw-in steps are prohibited.

k. Unattended decoys will be confiscated and forfeited to the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and disposed of by the Department. This action is necessary to prevent preemption of hunting space.

~~l. Hunters shall not hunt, take or pursue birds or~~

~~animals from moving vehicles on any WMA. No person shall take birds or animals from or by any motor boat or sail boat unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sail furled and its progress therefrom has ceased.~~

m~~l~~. Spot lighting (shining) from vehicles is prohibited on all WMAs.

n~~m~~. Horses and mules may be ridden on Wildlife Management Areas except where prohibited and except during gun seasons for deer and turkey. Riding is restricted to designated roads and trails. Hunting and trapping from horses and mules is prohibited EXCEPT for quail hunting or as otherwise specified.

o~~n~~. All hunters EXCEPT waterfowl hunters and mourning dove hunters (including archers and small game hunters) on WMAs must display 400 square inches of "Hunter Orange" and wear a "Hunter Orange" cap during open gun season for deer. Hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap. Quail hunters, woodcock All other hunters and archers (while on the ground) also must wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap during special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel ~~as well as hunters participating in special dog seasons for rabbit and squirrel are required to wear a minimum of a "Hunter Orange" cap.~~ ALSO all persons afield during hunting seasons are encouraged to display "Hunter Orange".

p~~o~~. Archery season for deer. The archery season on

WMAs is the same as outside and is open for either-sex deer EXCEPT as otherwise specified on individual WMAs. Archery season restricted on Atchafalaya Delta and closed on certain WMAs when special seasons for youth or handicapped hunts are in progress. Consult regulations pamphlet for specific seasons.

qp. Either-sex deer may be taken on WMAs at any time during archery season EXCEPT when bucks only seasons are in progress on the respective WMAs. Archers must abide by bucks only regulations and other restrictions when such seasons are in progress.

rq. Muzzleloader season for deer. Either-sex unless otherwise specified. See WMA deer schedule.

6. Camping

a. Camping on WMAs, including trailers, houseboats, recreational vehicles and tents, is allowed only in designated areas and for a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days, regardless if the camp is attended or unattended. Houseboats shall not impede navigation. At the end of the 16 day period, camps must be removed from the area for at least 48 hours. Camping area use limited exclusively to outdoor recreational activities.

b. Houseboats are prohibited from overnight mooring within WMAs EXCEPT on stream banks adjacent to Department-owned designated camping areas. Overnight mooring of vessels that provide lodging for hire are prohibited on WMAs. On Atchafalaya

Delta WMA and Pass-a-Loutre, houseboats may be moored in specially designated areas throughout the hunting season. At all other times of the year, mooring is limited to a period not to exceed sixteen (16) consecutive days. Permits are required for the mooring of houseboats on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. Permits must be obtained from the New Iberia office.

c. Discharge of human waste onto lands or waters of any WMA is strictly prohibited by State and Federal law. In the event public restroom facilities are not available at a WMA, the following is required. Anyone camping on a WMA in a camper, trailer, or other unit (other than a houseboat or tent) shall have and shall utilize an operational disposal system attached to the unit. Tent campers shall have and shall utilize portable waste disposal units and shall remove all human waste from the WMA upon leaving. Houseboats moored on a WMA shall have a permit or letter of certification from the Health Unit (Department of Health and Hospitals) of the parish within which the WMA occurs verifying that it has an approved sewerage disposal system on board. Further, that system shall be utilized by occupants of the houseboats when on the WMA.

d. No refuse or garbage may be dumped from these boats.

e. Firearms may not be kept loaded or discharged in a camping area.

f. Campsites must be cleaned by occupants prior to

leaving and all refuse placed in designated locations when provided or carried off by campers.

g. Non-compliance with camping regulations will subject occupant to immediate expulsion and/or citation, including restitution for damages.

h. Swimming is prohibited within 100 yards of boat launching ramps.

7. Restricted Areas

a. For your safety, All ALL oil and gas production facilities (wells, pumping stations and storage facilities) are off limits.

b. No unauthorized entry or unauthorized hunting in restricted areas or refuges.

8. Dogs. All use of dogs on WMAs, EXCEPT for bird hunting and duck hunting, is EXPERIMENTAL as required by law. Having or using dogs on any WMA is prohibited EXCEPT for nighttime experimental raccoon hunting, squirrel hunting, rabbit hunting, bird hunting, duck hunting and bird dog training when allowed; see individual WMA season listings for WMAs that allow dogs ~~and dates~~. Dogs running at large are prohibited on WMAs. The owner or handler of said dogs shall be liable. Only recognizable breeds of bird dogs and retrievers are allowed for quail and migratory bird hunting. Only beagle hounds which do not exceed 15 inches at the front shoulders and which have recognizable characteristics of the breed may be used on WMAs having experimental rabbit seasons.

9. Vehicles

a. An all-terrain vehicle is an off-road vehicle (not legal for highway use) with factory specifications not to exceed the following: weight-750 pounds, length-85", and width-48". ATV tires are restricted to those no larger than 25 x 12 with a maximum 1" lug height and a maximum allowable tire pressure of 7 psi. as indicated on the tire by the manufacturer.

b. Vehicles having wheels with a wheel-tire combination having a radius of 17 inches or more from the center of the hub (measured horizontal to ground) are prohibited.

c. The testing, racing, speeding or unusual maneuvering of any type of vehicle is prohibited within wildlife management areas due to property damages resulting in high maintenance costs, disturbance of wildlife and destruction of forest reproduction.

d. Tractor or implement tires with farm tread designs R1, R2 and R4 known commonly as spade or lug grip types are prohibited on all vehicles.

e. Airboats, aircraft, personal water craft "mud crawling vessels" (commonly referred to as crawfish combines which use paddle wheels for locomotion) and hover craft are prohibited on all WMAs and Refuges. Personal water craft are defined as a vessel which uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than in

the conventional manner of sitting or standing inside the vessel. Personal water craft allowed on designated areas of Alexander State Forest WMA.

f. No internal combustion engines allowed in certain Greentree reservoirs.

g. Driving or parking vehicles on food or cover plots and strips is prohibited.

h. Blocking the entrance to roads and trails is prohibited.

i. Motorized vehicles, including ATVs, and motorcycles, are restricted entirely to designated roads and ATV trails as indicated on WMA maps. WMA maps available at all region offices. This restriction does not apply to bicycles.

j. Use of special ATV trails for handicapped persons is restricted to special ATV handicapped permittees. Handicapped ATV permittees are restricted to handicapped ATV trails or other ATV trails only as indicated on WMA maps. Persons 60 years of age and older, with proof of age, are also allowed to use special handicapped trails and need not obtain a permit. However, these persons must abide by all rules in place for these trails. Handicapped persons should make application for a Physically Challenged Hunter Program Permit with the Department.

k. Entrances to ATV trails will be marked with peach colored paint. Entrances to handicapped-only ATV trails will be marked with blue colored paint. Routes of all trails are as

indicated on WMA maps. Deviation from the trails indicated on the map constitutes a violation of WMA rules and regulations.

l. Roads and trails may be closed due to poor condition, construction or wet weather.

m. ATVs, and motorcycles cannot be left overnight on WMAs EXCEPT on designated camping areas. ATVs are prohibited from two hours after sunset to 3:00 AM. ATVs are prohibited from March 1 through August 31 EXCEPT certain trails may be open during this time period to provide access for fishing or other purposes. These trails will be marked by signs at the entrance of the trail and designated on WMA maps. Raccoon hunters may use ATVs during nighttime raccoon take seasons only.

n. CAUTION: Many Department-maintained roadways on WMAs are unimproved and substandard. A maximum 20 mph speed limit is recommended for all land vehicles using these roads.

10. Commercial Activities.

a. Hunting Guides/Outfitters: No person or group may act as a hunting guide, outfitter or in any other capacity for which they are paid or promised to be paid directly or indirectly by any other individual or individuals for services rendered to any other person or persons hunting on any Wildlife Management Area, regardless of whether such payment is for guiding, outfitting, lodging or club memberships.

b. Commercial activities prohibited without prior approval from Baton Rouge office or unless otherwise specified.

c. Commercial fishing. Permits are required of all commercial fishermen using Grassy Lake, Pomme de Terre and Spring Bayou WMAs. Drag seines (except minnow and bait seines) are prohibited EXCEPT experimental bait seines allowed on Dewey Wills WMA north of La. 28 in Diversion Canal. Commercial fishing is prohibited during regular waterfowl seasons on Grand Bay, Silver Lake and Lower Sunk Lake on Three Rivers WMA. Commercial fishing is prohibited on Salvador/Timken, Ouachita and Pointe-aux-Chenes WMAs EXCEPT commercial fishing on Pointe-aux-Chenes is allowed in Cut Off Canal and Wonder Lake. No commercial fishing activity shall impede navigation and no unattended vessels or barges will be allowed. Non-compliance with permit regulations will result in revocation of commercial fishing privileges for the period the license is issued and one year thereafter. Commercial fishing is allowed on Pass-a-Loutre and Atchafalaya Delta WMAs. See Pass-a-Loutre for additional commercial fishing regulations on mullet.

11. Wildlife Management Areas Basic Season Structure. For season dates, bag limits, shooting hours, special seasons and other information consult the annual regulations pamphlet for specific details.

12. Resident Small Game (squirrel, rabbit, quail, mourning dove, woodcock, snipe, rail and gallinule). Consult regulations pamphlet. Unless otherwise specified under a specific WMA hunting schedule, the use of dogs for rabbit and squirrel hunting is prohibited.

13. Waterfowl (ducks, geese and coots). Consult regulations pamphlet. Hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited on all WMAs EXCEPT for Atchafalaya Delta, Biloxi, Lake Boeuf, Pass-a-Loutre, Pointe-aux-Chenes, Salvador/Timken and Wisner WMAs. Consult specific WMA regulations for shooting hours on these WMAs.

14. Archery. Consult regulations pamphlet.

15. Hogs. Consult regulations pamphlet.

16. Outlaw Quadrupeds and Birds. Consult regulations pamphlet. During hunting seasons specified on WMAs, incidental take of outlaw quadrupeds and birds is allowed by properly licensed hunters and only with guns or bows and arrows legal for season in progress on WMA. However, crows, blackbirds, grackles and cowbirds may not be taken before September 1 or after January 2.

17. Wildlife Management Areas Hunting Schedule and Regulations:

a. Acadiana Conservation Corridor.

b. Alexander State Forest. Vehicles restricted to paved and graveled roads. No parking on or fishing or swimming from bridges. No open fires EXCEPT in recreation areas.

c. Atchafalaya Delta. Water control structures are not to be tampered with or altered by anyone other than employees of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at any time. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited EXCEPT as permitted for authorized WMA trappers.

d. Attakapas.

e. Bayou Macon. All night activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. Mules are allowed for nighttime raccoon hunting.

f. Bayou Pierre

g. Bens Creek

h. Big Colewa Bayou. All nighttime activities prohibited.

i. Big Lake.

j. Biloxi.

k. Bodcau.

l. Boeuf.

m. Boise-Vernon.

n. Buckhorn.

o. Camp Beauregard. Daily military clearance required for all recreational users. Registration for use of Self Clearing Permit required once per year. All game harvested must be reported. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details.

p. Dewey W. Wills. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day.

q. Elbow Slough. Steel shot only for all hunting.

qr. Elm Hall. No ATVs allowed.

rs. Floy Ward McElroy.

st. Fort Polk. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit

required once per year. Special regulations apply to ATV users.

tu. Grassy Lake. Commercial Fishing: Permitted EXCEPT on Smith Bay, Red River Bay and Grassy Lake proper on Saturday and Sunday and during waterfowl season. Permits available from area supervisor at Spring Bayou headquarters or Opelousas Region Office. No hunting in restricted area.

uv. Jackson-Bienville. Beginning September 1, 2004, ATVs are allowed ONLY on non-public maintained gravel roads and ~~timber management woods, roads and~~ marked ATV trails.

vw. Joyce. Swamp Walk: Adhere to all WMA rules and regulations. No firearms or hunting allowed within 100 yards of walkways. Check hunting schedule and use walkway at your own risk.

wx. Lake Boeuf. Hunting allowed until 12:00 noon on all game.

xy. Lake Ramsey. Foot traffic only - all vehicles restricted to Parish Roads.

yz. Little River.

zaa. Loggy Bayou.

aabb. Manchac. Crabs: No crab traps allowed. Attended lift nets are allowed.

bbcc. Maurepas Swamp.

ccdd. Ouachita. Waterfowl Refuge: North of La. Hwy. 15 closed to all hunting, fishing and trapping during duck season including early teal season. Crawfish: 100 pounds per person per day limit. Night crawfishing prohibited. No traps or

nets left overnight. Commercial Fishing: Closed. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

ddde. Pass-a-Loutre. Commercial Fishing: Same as outside. Commercial mullet fishing open only in: South Pass, Pass-a-Loutre, North Pass, Southeast Pass, Northeast Pass, Dennis Pass, Johnson Pass, Loomis Pass, Cadro Pass, Wright Pass, Viveats Pass, Cognevich Pass, Blind Bay, Redfish Bay, Garden Island Bay, Northshore Bay, East Bay (west of barrier islands) and oil and gas canals as described on the Department Pass-a-Loutre WMA map. ATVs, ATCs and motorcycles prohibited on this area. Oyster harvesting is prohibited.

eeff. Pearl River. All roads closed 8 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. to all vehicles. Old Hwy. 11 will be closed when river gauge at Pearl River, Louisiana, reaches 16.5 feet. All hunting will be closed when the river stage at Pearl River reaches 16.5 feet except waterfowl hunting south of Hwy. 90. No hunting in the vicinity of Nature Trail. Observe "No Hunting" signs. Rifle range open noon until 4 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday with a fee.

ffgg. Peason Ridge. Daily military clearance required to hunt or trap. Registration for use of Self-Clearing Permit required once per year. Special federal regulations apply to ATV users.

gghh. Pointe-aux-Chenes. Hunting until 12 noon on ALL GAME, EXCEPT for mourning dove hunting and ~~experimental~~ youth

lottery deer hunt as specified in regulation pamphlet. Point Farm: Gate will be open only on the first 3 ~~during each~~ Saturdays of the second split of mourning dove season and all weekends during month of February. No motorized vessels allowed in the drainage ditches. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be allowed. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed season, 10 pounds per boat per day (heads on) may be taken for bait. Oyster harvesting is prohibited. Fish may be taken only by rod and reel or hand lines for recreational purposes only. Crabs may be taken only through the use of hand lines or nets; however, none are to remain set overnight. Twelve dozen crabs are allowed per boat or vehicle per day. Crawfish may be harvested in unrestricted portions of the wildlife management area and shall be limited to 100 pounds per boat or group. Fishing gear used to catch crawfish shall not remain set overnight. The harvest of all fish, shrimp, crabs and crawfish are for recreational purposes only and any commercial use is prohibited. Mudboats or vessels with engines larger than 25 h.p. prohibited in the Montegut and Grand Bayou marsh management units. Public is permitted to travel anytime through the WMA for access purposes only, in the waterways known as Grand Bayou, Humble Canal, Little Bayou Blue and Grand Bayou Blue. All other motorized vehicles, horses and mules are prohibited unless authorized by the Department.

~~hh~~ii. Pomme de Terre. Commercial Fishing: permitted Monday through Friday, EXCEPT closed during duck season. Commercial Fishing permits available from area supervisor, Opelousas Region Office or Spring Bayou headquarters. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. only during waterfowl season. Crawfish: April 1 - July 31, recreational only, 100 lbs. per boat or group daily.

~~ii~~jj. Red River. Crawfishing prohibited on Yakey Farms Wetland Restoration Areas.

~~jj~~kk. Russell Sage. Transporting trash or garbage on WMA roads is prohibited. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided. NOTE: All season dates on Chauvin Tract (U.S. 165 North) same as outside, EXCEPT still hunt only and EXCEPT deer hunting restricted to archery only. Waterfowl hunting after 2 p.m. prohibited. All vehicles including ATVs prohibited.

~~kk~~ll. Sabine.

~~ll~~mm. Sabine Island. Sabine Island boundaries are Sabine River on the west, Cut-Off Bayou on the north, and Old River and Big Bayou on the south and east.

~~mm~~nn. Salvador/Timken. Hunting until 12 noon only for all game. All nighttime activities prohibited, including frogging. Recreational Fishing: Shrimp may be taken by the use of cast nets only. During the inside open shrimp season, 25 pounds per boat per day (heads on) shall be permitted. Size count to conform with open season requirements. During the inside closed

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moo. Sandy Hollow. Bird Dog Training: Consult regulation pamphlet. Wild birds only (use of pen-raised birds prohibited). Bird Dog Field Trials: Permit required from Baton Rouge Region Office. Horseback Riding: Organized trail rides

prohibited. Riding allowed only on designated roads and trails. Horses and mules are specifically prohibited during turkey and gun season for deer EXCEPT as allowed for bird dog field trials. No horses and mules on green planted areas. No motorized vehicles allowed off designated roads.

oopp. Sherburne. Crawfishing: Recreational crawfishing only on the ~~North~~ and South Farm Complexes. Crawfish harvest limited to 100 pounds per vehicle or boat per day. No traps or nets left overnight. No motorized watercraft allowed on farm complex. Commercial crawfishing allowed on the remainder of the area. Permit is required. Retriever training allowed on selected portions of the WMA. Contact the Region office for specific details. Vehicular traffic prohibited on east Atchafalaya River levee within Sherburne WMA boundaries. Rifle and Pistol Range open daily. Skeet ranges open by appointment only, contact Hunter Education Office. No trespassing in restricted area behind ranges. Note: Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land holdings adjacent to the Sherburne Wildlife Management Area will have the same rules and regulations as Sherburne WMA. No hunting or trapping in restricted area.

ppqq. Sicily Island Hills.

qqrr. Soda Lake. No motorized vehicles allowed. All trapping and hunting prohibited EXCEPT archery hunting for deer.

rrss. Spring Bayou. Commercial Fishing: permitted

Monday through Friday EXCEPT slat traps and hoop nets permitted any day. Permits available from area supervisor or Opelousas Region Office. Closed until after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Sport Fishing: Same as outside EXCEPT allowed only after 2 p.m. during waterfowl season. Crawfish: recreational only. No hunting allowed in headquarters area. Only overnight campers allowed in the improved Boggy Bayou Camping area. Rules and regulations posted at camp site. A fee is assessed for use of this camp site. Water skiing allowed only in Old River and Grand Lac.

tt. Tangipahoa Parish School Board. No horseback riding during gun season for deer or turkey. ATVs are not allowed.

ssuu. Thistlethwaite. No hunting or trapping in restricted area (See WMA Map). All motorized vehicles restricted to improved roads only. All users must enter and leave through main gate only. No entry into restricted areas.

ttvv. Three Rivers.

uuww. Tunica Hills. All vehicles restricted to Parish roads. ATVs restricted to designated trails. Driving on food plots prohibited. Access to restricted areas is unauthorized. Refer to WMA map. Camping prohibited on area. North of Hwy. 66 (Angola Tract) closed to the general public March 1-September 30 EXCEPT spring turkey hunting access allowed for those individuals drawn for special lottery hunt.

vvxx. Union. All nighttime activities prohibited except as otherwise provided.

~~wwyy~~. West Bay.

~~xxzz~~. Wisner.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115 and R.S. 56:116.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:1279 (July 1999), amended LR 26:1494 (July 2000), LR 27:1049 (July 2001), LR 28:1603 (July 2002), LR 29:1124 (July 2003), repromulgated LR 29:1522 (August 2003), LR 30: .

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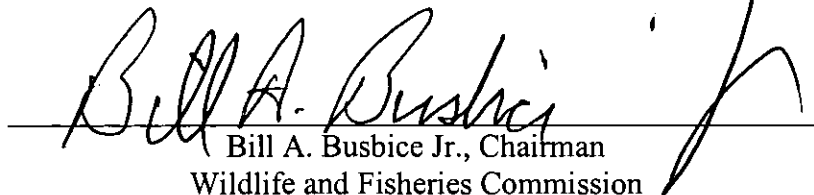
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Early Season Migratory Bird Recommendations
2004-05 Hunting Seasons

Mourning Doves

Statewide, Split Season, 70-day/12-bird aggregate daily bag and 24-bird aggregate possession

*Sept 4-6 - 3
Oct 16 - Nov. 28 - 44
Dec 18 - Jan 9 - 23*

Start Date	End Date	Days
Sep. 4 (Sat.)	Sep. 12 (Sun.)	9 days
Oct. 9 (Sat.)	Nov. 14 (Sun.)	37 days
Dec. 18 (Sat.)	Jan. 10 (Mon.)	24 days

Eurasian Collared-Doves and Ringed Turtle-Doves--Eurasian collared-doves and ringed turtle-doves may only be hunted or taken during the open mourning dove season. There is no bag limit on Eurasian collared-doves or ringed turtle-doves provided that a fully feathered wing and head remain attached to the carcass of the bird. Fully dressed Eurasian-collared doves and ringed turtle-doves (those without a fully feathered wing and head naturally attached to the carcass) shall be included in the daily bag limit for mourning doves.

Teal

Statewide: 9-day/4-bird daily bag and 8-bird possession

Start Date	End Date	Days
Sep. 18 (Sat.)	Sep. 26 (Sun.)	9 days

Rails

Statewide: Split Season, 70-days

Start Date	End Date	Days
Sep. 18 (Sat.)	Sep. 26 (Sun.)	9 days

Remainder to be set in August with the duck regulations

King and Clapper: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate and possession 30 in the aggregate

Sora and Virginia: Daily and possession bag 25 in the aggregate

Gallinules

Statewide: Split Season, 70 days

<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>	<i>Days</i>
Sep. 18 (Sat.)	Sep. 26 (Sun.)	9 days

Remainder to be set in August with the duck regulations

Common and Purple: Daily bag limit 15 in the aggregate/possession 30 in the aggregate

Woodcock

Statewide: Straight Season, 45-day/3-bird daily bag and 6-bird possession

<i>Start Date</i>	<i>End Date</i>	<i>Days</i>
Dec. 18 (Sat.)	Jan. 31 (Sun.)	45 days

Snipe

Deferred to be set in August with the duck regulations

Shooting Hours

Teal, Rail, Woodcock, and Gallinule: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Mourning Dove: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset except on opening weekends of each split when shooting hours will be 12:00 noon to sunset.

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RESOLUTION

2004 Wild Alligator Harvest Season adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

July 1, 2004

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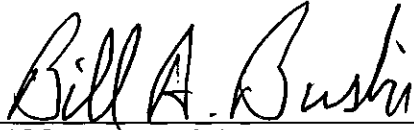
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Falcon, Susan*OK PEB 6-21-04*

From: Savoie, Brandt
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2004 10:20 AM
To: Falcon, Susan
Cc: Love, Bob; Kinler, Noel
Subject: FW: Alligator Season Dates

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Brandt

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Noel

6/21/2004

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July 1, 2004

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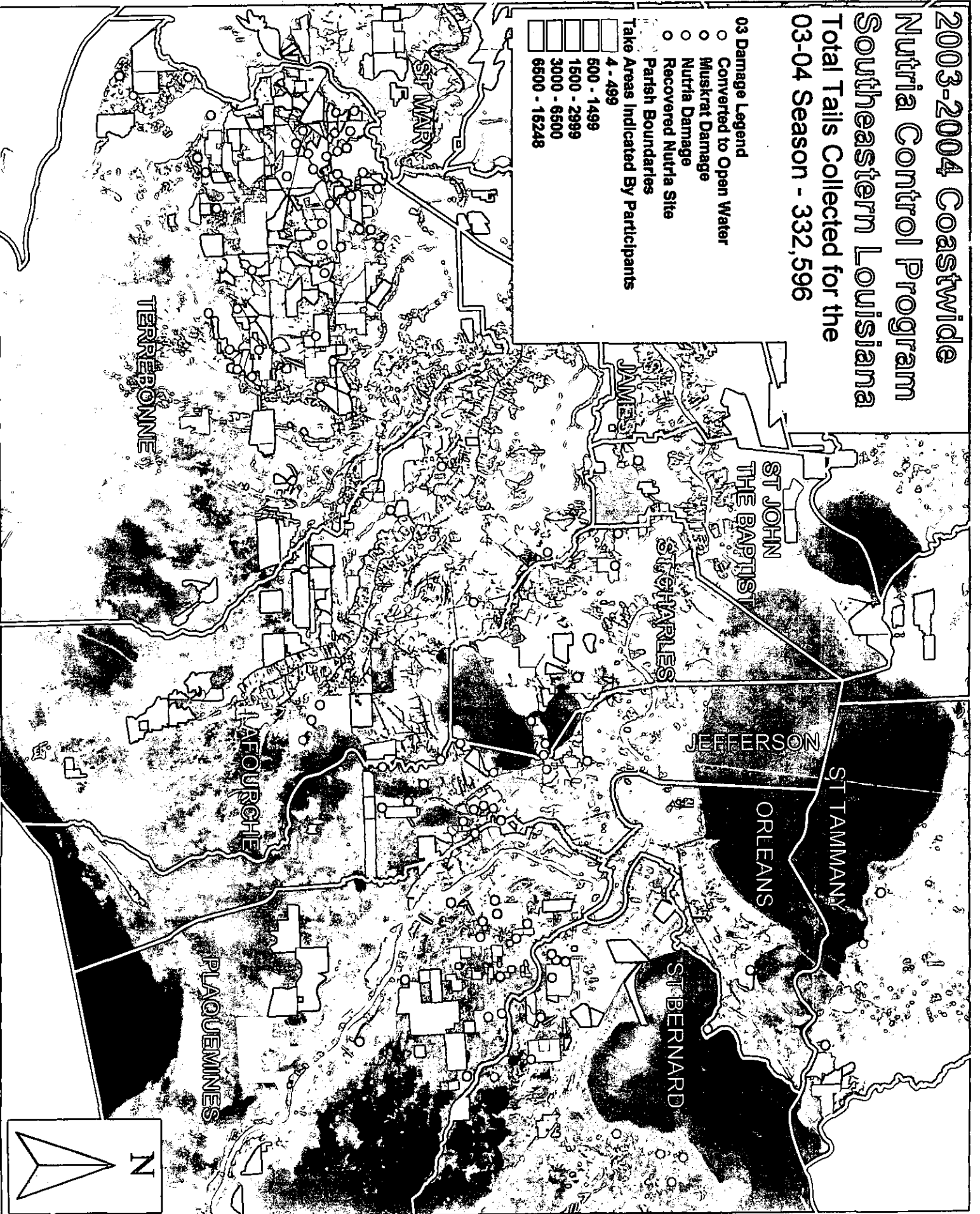
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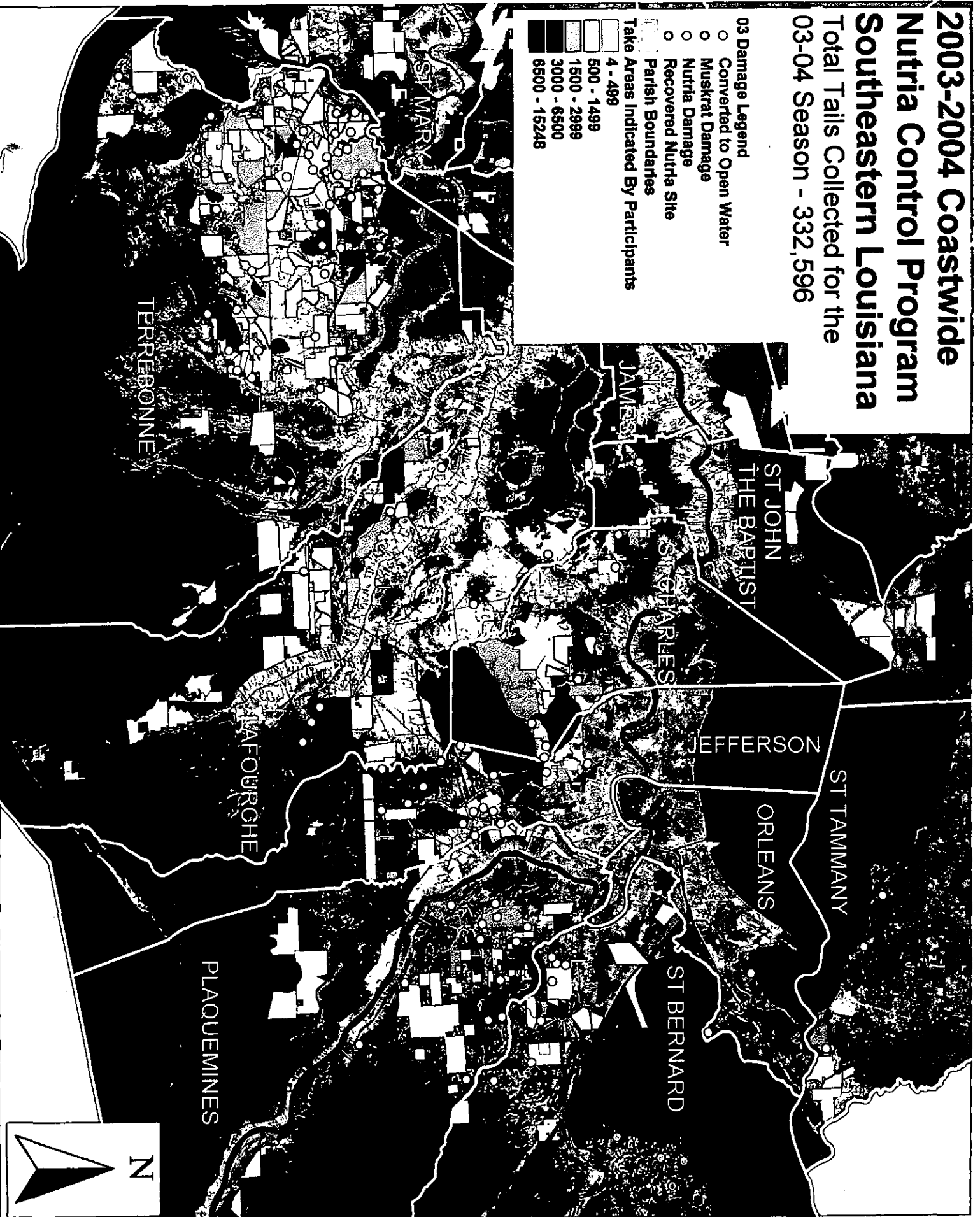
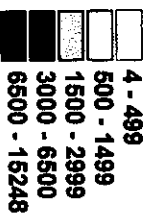
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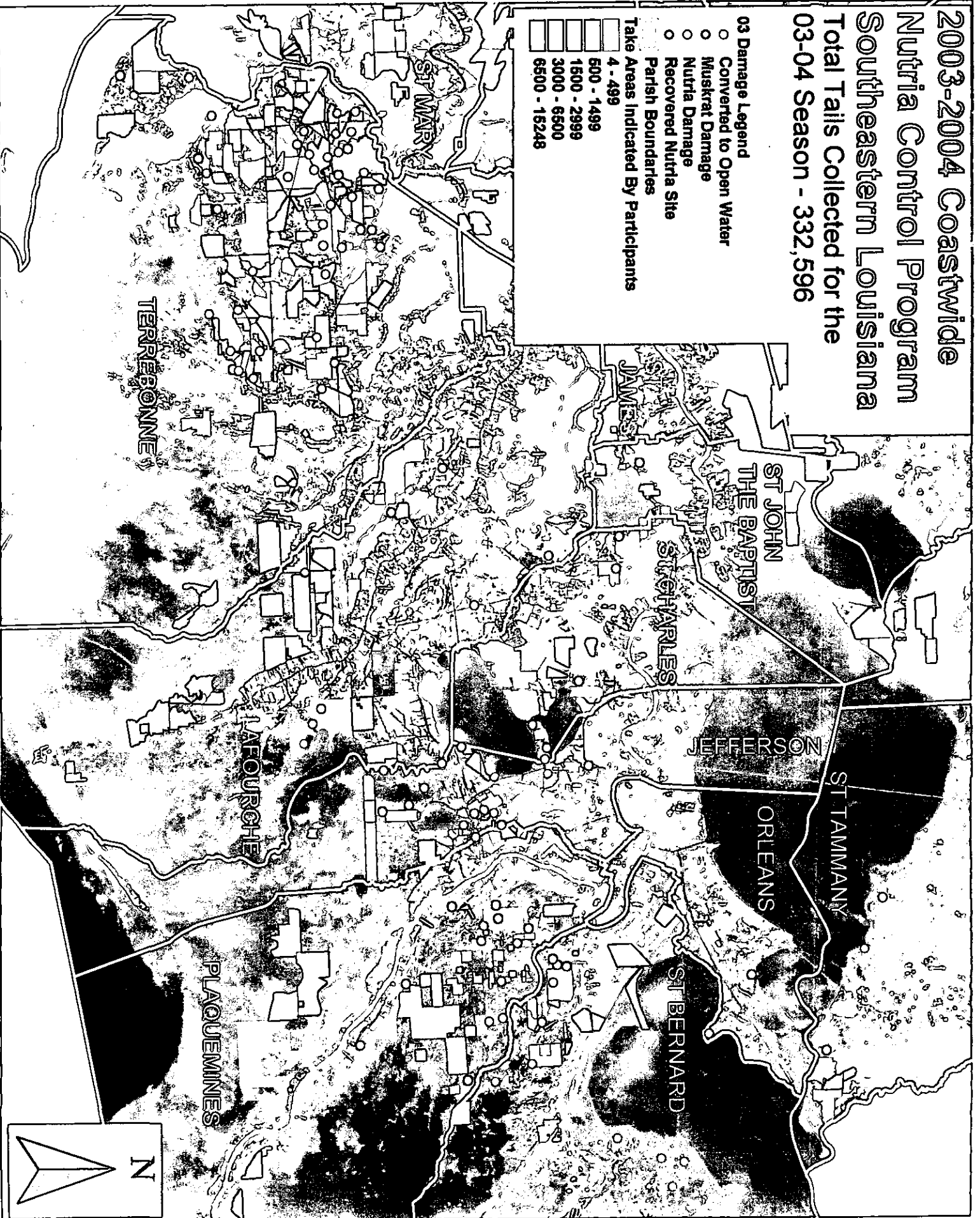
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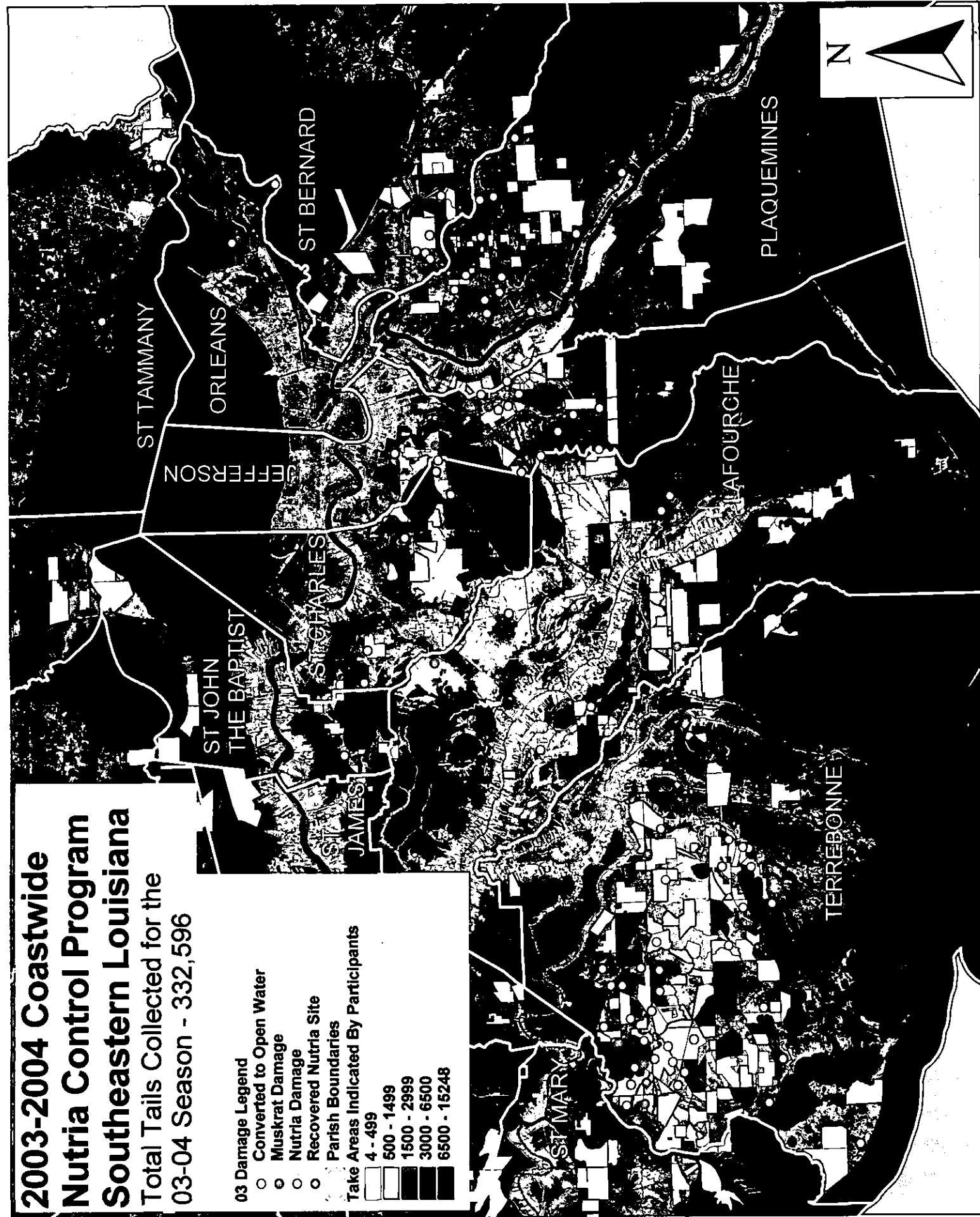
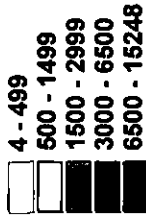
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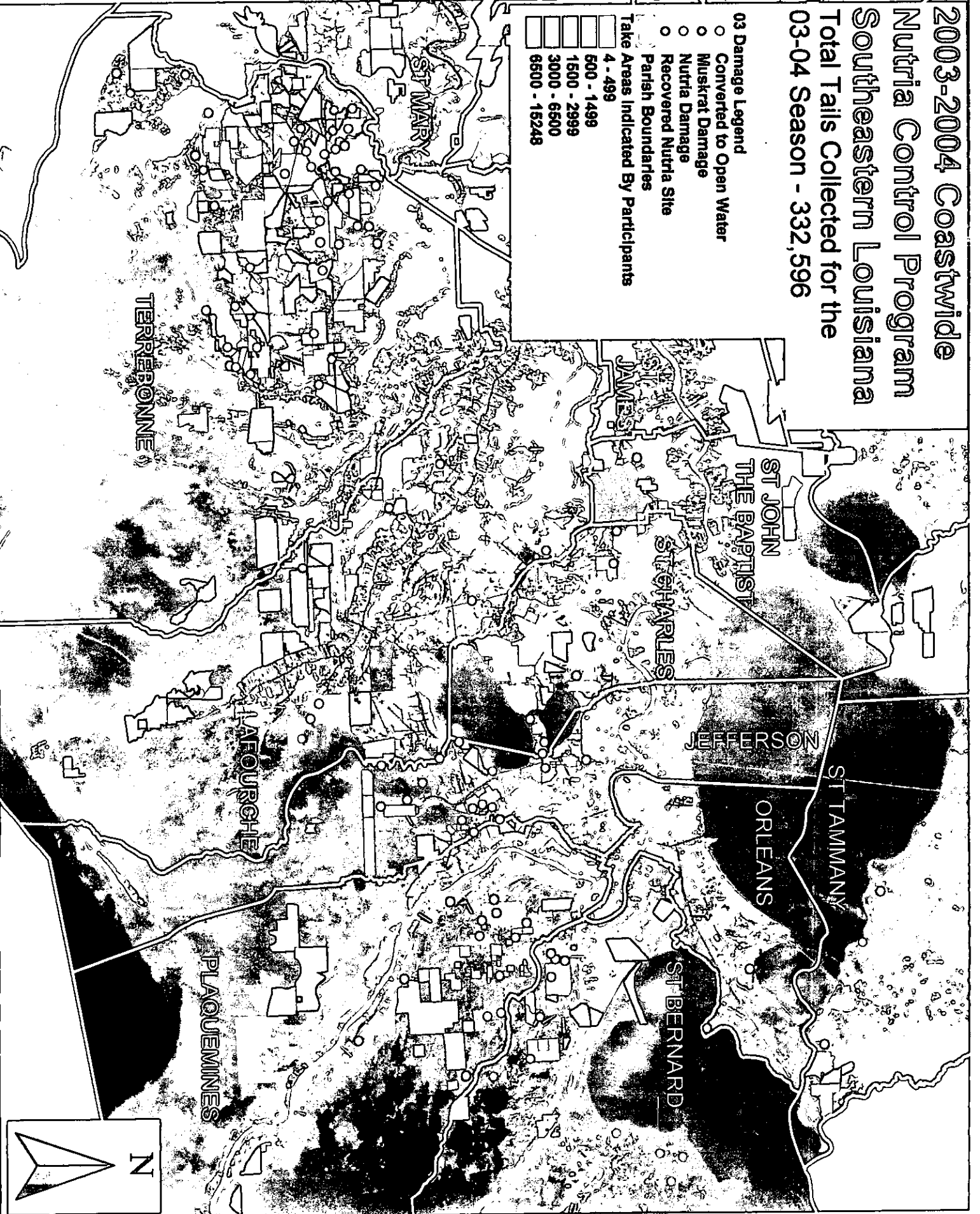
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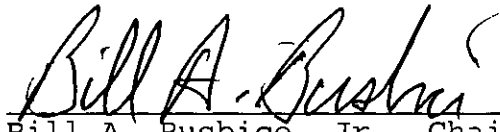
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Brandt Savoie, Administrator
Bob Love, Assistant Administrator

FROM: Greg Linscombe, Program Manager

DATE: July 22, 2004

RE: **RESULTS OF THE 2003-2004 TRAPPING SEASON AND
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2004-2005 TRAPPING SEASON**

Results of the 2003-2004 Trapping Season

Records available from the License Section indicate a total of 1,432 trapping licenses were sold during the 2003-2004 trapping season. These figures show a slight decrease in trapping licenses sold last season when compared to the previous season (1,589). This is the second largest number of trapping licenses sold in the last four years and it is almost double the trapping licenses sold in 2001 – 2002. Attached is a copy of trapping license sales from the season 1950-1951 – through the 2003-2004 season.

Also attached is a copy of the 2003-2004 Comparative Take. The total of 356,429 animals harvested (all species) was up 29,391 from the previous season's total of 327,038. The total value of the 2003-2004 fur harvest to the state's trappers was estimated at \$2,075,807. This was up \$494,596 from the previous season. This increase in harvest and value was directly related to the incentive payment associated with the Coastwide Nutria Control Program (CNCP) as well as higher prices paid for most fur.

Nutria Harvest

The nutria harvest (332,956) increased by 24,436 from the previous season total of 308,160. The average nutria pelt price paid to trappers during this past season was \$1.92, an increase of \$.54 from the previous year (\$1.38). However, an additional \$4 was paid for all nutria taken during the CNCP. The total value of the nutria harvest increased from \$1,297,558 to 1,479,516.

Coastwide Nutria Control Program

A total of 332,596 nutria tails, worth over 1.3 million dollars in incentive payments, were collected from 346 participants. One-hundred fourteen participants (33%) turned in less than 200 tails, 68 participants (20%) turned in between 200 and 499 tails, 43 participants (12%) turned in between 500 and 799 tails and 121 participants (35%) turned in 800 or more tails. There were 22 parishes represented in the program with harvests ranging from 25 to 86,720 nutria. Approximately 86% of the harvest came from the southeast portion of Louisiana. The percentage for each method of taking nutria was 48% trapping, 50% shooting with a rifle and 2% taken with a shotgun. February was the most active month for harvesting nutria (110,627 tails) while November (14,696 tails) was the least active month (see CNCP Report, CWPPRA Project LA-03b).

Vegetative Damage Caused By Nutria

In spring 2004, a coast wide aerial survey was conducted covering the coastal parishes of Louisiana. The total number of sites visited was ninety-three, down from last year's total, (100) of which twelve were new sites in 2004 and eighty-one were previously classified as damaged in the 2003 survey. Three damage sites converted to open water in 2003 and were not visited during the 2004 survey. Of the eighty-one sites previously identified as having nutria damage, only fifty-seven were identified as still having visible nutria herbivory impacts and twenty-four sites were classified as recovered. The following discussion details the sixty-nine sites that currently have nutria damage.

A total of 16,906 acres (extrapolated to 63,397 acres coast wide) were impacted by nutria feeding activity along transects as compared to 21,888 acres in 2003 (extrapolated to 82,080 acres coast wide). This is a significant reduction in the amount of acres impacted by nutria. Of the sixty-nine sites showing impact, Terrebonne Parish contained the majority of damage with twenty-seven sites (39 %) and damaged acres 7,679 (45 %), however, the number of impacted acres in Terrebonne decreased due to sites recovering. Lafourche Parish had a decrease in acreage last year as well as this year and accounted for five sites (7 %) and 381 acres (2%) of damaged marsh. Nine sites (13 %) and 1,718 acres (10%) were located in Jefferson Parish. Plaquemines Parish had the most dramatic increase in acres impacted last year but had little change in 2004. Plaquemines accounted for seven sites (10 %) and 2,494 acres (15 %). St. Bernard Parish had only five sites (7%) with 1,035 acres (6%) impacted. St. Charles parish had a large increase in the amount of damaged acres 2,564 acres (15%) on nine damage sites (13%). Smaller amounts of damaged wetlands were located in Vermilion, St. Tammany and St. John parishes. As in 2003, Terrebonne, Jefferson, and Plaquemines, continue to be the parishes most affected by nutria herbivory.

There was a significant reduction in the amount of impacted acres from 2003 to 2004. There was a 22.8% reduction in acreage, 16,906 acres down from 21,888 acres. There were only four damage sites displaying severe damage as compared to fourteen sites in 2003. It was generally observed that the overall health of the marsh in 2004 was improved from 2003. This improved condition and decreased severity of nutria damage can not specifically be attributed to the CNCP because this year was the first with precise harvest location information. LDWF continues to predict that three to four years of

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Fur Marketing

During this past year the Fur and Refuge Division staff continued to work closely with the Fur and Alligator Advisory Council (FAAC) on education and marketing programs for fur and alligators.

Last year the FAAC concentrated on marketing programs built around sales into China. The Council continued to contract with a Montreal consultant to work with Louisiana dealers to obtain sales in China. The task of finding new markets for the state's furs is difficult, but the alternative is coastal vegetative damage from nutria, not to mention the loss of supplemental income to trappers. All fur dealers working with this consultant were successful in selling all of the furs purchased during the past season. This included all 77,672 nutria.

Raccoon Harvest

In past years the raccoon harvest was the fourth most important in terms of value. This past season the harvest has declined slightly from the previous year. The harvest of raccoon decreased from 11,167 to 10,637 pelts even though the price paid to trappers increased from \$2.86 to \$3.56. The total value of this harvest increased from \$31,938 to \$37,867.

River Otter Harvest

Again this past season the most important fur in terms of price to the trapper was river otter. Harvest increased from 3,932 the previous year to 5,713 last season. Average price increased from \$59 to \$86 per pelt, for a total value of \$491,889. The river otter harvest may increase with the Coastwide Nutria Control Program with many more trappers in the marsh and higher prices paid for river otter.

Bobcat

The bobcat harvest more than doubled from 516 the previous season to 1,065 the past season. This increase was likely a result of a price increase from \$17 the previous season to \$37 the past season.

Beaver Harvest

Beaver harvest this past season was 2,395 pelts with an average price of \$3.87 paid to trappers. Harvest was up 950 from the previous year (1,445) as a result of an increase of \$1.35 per pelt above the previous price of \$2.52. Harvest of beaver is very beneficial in the control of timber, agricultural and road damage throughout the state.

Recommendations for the 2004-2005 Trapping Season

Last year's season dates (statewide) were November 20, 2003– March 31, 2004. These dates were discussed at the June 17, 2004 Fur and Alligator Advisory Council meeting and there was general agreement to keep the dates the same as last year.

These dates allow trappers to start when various furbearers become prime and are available and they can sell fur if prices are reasonable. Our objective is to allow the maximum possible trapping opportunity to increase harvest, especially of nutria, beaver, and raccoon.

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**LOUISIANA
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1950-51	7,732	1976-77	9,329
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1962-63	3,666	1988-89	2,888
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1967-68	2,495	1993-94	1,274
1968-69	3,601	1994-95	1,686
1969-70	4,444	1995-96	1,700
1970-71	3,510	1996-97	2,691
1971-72.1	2,761	1997-98	2,442
1972-73	4,741	1998-99	1,578
1973-74	6,295	1999-00	1,024
1974-75	7,528	2000-01	987
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**COMPARATIVE TAKE OF FUR ANIMALS
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<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PELTS</u>	<u>APPROX. PRICE</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
NUTRIA(Eastern)	49,574	\$ 1.75	\$ 86,754.50
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	77,672	\$ 1.92	\$149,132.06
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RACCOON	10,637	\$ 3.56	\$ 37,867.72
MINK	1,184	\$ 6.00	\$ 7,104.00
OPOSSUM	86	\$.50	\$ 43.00
RIVER OTTER	5,713	\$ 86.10	\$491,889.30
RED FOX	66	\$ 13.82	\$ 912.12
GRAY FOX	472	\$ 12.91	\$ 6,093.52
BOBCAT	1,065	\$ 37.24	\$ 39,660.60
BEAVER	2,395	\$ 3.87	\$ 9,268.65
COYOTE	<u>137</u>	\$ 7.76	<u>\$ 1,063.12</u>
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** CNCP number of animals harvested

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June 22, 2004
La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries
2415 Darnall Road
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

In accordance with the provisions of R.S.56:259 (A) which authorizes the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set the open season for the taking of non-game quadrupeds and allows the commission to extend, curtail or prohibit trapping in any area of the state each year and in accordance with emergency provisions of R.S.49:953 (B) and R.S.49:967 (D) of the Administrative Procedure Act, which allows the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency provisions to set seasons, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the 2004-2005 fur harvest season, statewide from November 20, 2004 through March 31, 2005. The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby also authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to extend or shorten the adopted season.

Bill Busbice Jr.
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and Wildlife and Fisheries Commission do hereby advertise their intent to place a moratorium on the commercial harvest from the wild of Alligator Snapping Turtles.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

PART XV. REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

Chapter 1. Guidelines

§101. Recreational and Commercial Harvests; Prohibitions

A.-F. * * *

G. Turtle Rules and Regulations

1. ***

2. Alligator Snapping Turtle (Macroclemys temmincki)

a. ~~Size Limit~~ Commercial take prohibited.

i. No person shall commercially take, possess, sell, purchase, trade, barter, or exchange alligator snapping turtles. Except that nothing herein shall prohibit the legal commercial sale, and possession of alligator snapping turtles by licensed Turtle Farmers as provided in R.S. 56:632 et seq. and R.S. 3:2358.1 et seq. which were legally acquired prior to the effective date of this closure or imported legally into this state which have proper records as provided for in 56:637. all turtles

~~shall be 15 inches carapace length or greater (all turtles less than 15 inches shall be released at the time of capture).~~

~~(a). Reptile and Amphibian Collector's License is required as provided in R.S. 56:632.4 (\$25).~~

~~(b). Holder of a collector's license shall not possess turtles less than 15 inches carapace length by claiming provisions of G.2.a.ii.~~

~~(c). Carapace length measures the straight line distance along the midline of the carapace.~~

b. ii. Recreational Take and Possession Limit: There shall be no size limit on recreationally taken alligator snapping turtles (Macrolemys temmincki). no size limit.
Basic recreational fishing license is required as provided in R.S. 56:632.1. No person shall take or possess an alligator snapping turtle taken with commercial gear. No person shall take or possess in the field in any one-day more than four alligator snapping turtles (Macrolemys temmincki).

~~iii. Reptile and Amphibian Wholesale/Retail Dealer's License is required as provided in R.S. 56:632.5.~~

~~(a). Mandatory records include weights and carapace length measurements recorded by Reptile and Amphibian Wholesale/Retail Dealer at the time of purchase, to be available for department inspection upon demand.~~

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~~December 31, 1998), following that period an evaluation of size limit shall be evaluated by the department.~~

~~b. Possession Limit~~

~~i. Recreational take: four per day per person.~~

~~ii. Commercial take: no limit on numbers taken.~~

H.-J. ***

K. Whoever violates the provisions of this rule shall be fined not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not less than thirty days, or both.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:6(10), (13), (15) and (25), R.S. 56:23, and R.S. 56:632.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 20:1135 (October 1994), amended LR 30: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit comments relative to the proposed Rule to: Brandt Savoie, Fur & Refuge Division, Department

of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000,
prior to Thursday, September 2, 2004.

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999, the Department of
Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby
issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding
Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the
six criteria set out at R. S. 49:972(B).

Bill A. Busbice, Jr.

Chairman

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Secretary

RESOLUTION

COMMERCIAL SPOTTED SEATROUT SEASON

July 1, 2004

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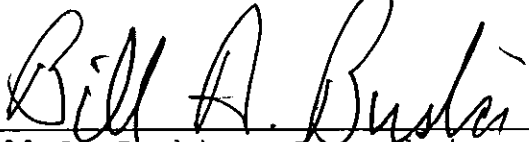
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby proposes to modify season regulations for the commercial harvest of spotted seatrout in Louisiana state waters as set forth in the attached Notice of Intent, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Notice of Intent is attached to and made part of this resolution.


Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend a Rule, LAC 76:VII.341, modifying the existing rule. Authority for adoption of this Rule is included in R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3. Said Rule is attached to and made a part of this Notice of Intent.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part VII. Fish and Other Aquatic Life

Chapter 3. Saltwater Sport and Commercial Fishery

§341. Spotted Seatrout Management Measures

A. Commercial Season; Quota; Permits

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reached, whichever comes first.

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32. The commercial quota for spotted seatrout shall be 1,000,000 pounds for each fishing season.

43. Permits

a. The commercial taking of spotted seatrout is prohibited except by special nontransferable Spotted Seatrout Permit issued by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries at the cost of \$100 for residents of this state and \$400 for those who are nonresidents. This permit, along with other applicable licenses, authorizes the bearer to sell his spotted seatrout catch.

b. No person shall be issued a license or permit for the commercial taking of spotted seatrout unless that person meets all of the following requirements:

i. The person shall provide proof that he purchased a valid Louisiana commercial saltwater gill net license in any two of the years 1995, 1994, and 1993.

ii. The person shall show that he derived more than 50 percent of his earned income from the legal capture and sale of seafood species in any two of the years 1995, 1994, and 1993. Proof of such income shall be provided by the applicant using any of the methods listed below:

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iii. The Socioeconomic Section of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Office of Management and Finance, will review the submitted tax return information and determine applicant's eligibility as defined by R.S. 56:325.3 D(1)(b).

iv. The person shall not have applied for or received any assistance pursuant to R.S. 56:13.1(C).

v. The applicant shall not have been convicted of any fishery-related violations that constitute a class three or greater violation.

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RESOLUTION

2004 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season
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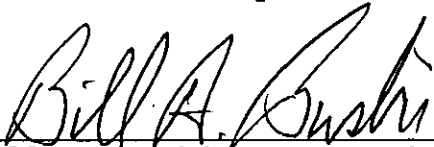
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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with public notification provisions specified in R.S. 56:497, that the Commission authorizes the Secretary, through Declaration of Emergency, to open and close the 2004 fall shrimp season in inside waters provided technical and biological data indicate that marketable shrimp, in sufficient quantities are available for harvest, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate a Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates if biological or technical data indicate the need to do so or if enforcement problems develop and to close and reopen all or parts of state outside waters if significant numbers of small white shrimp are found in these waters.

Bill A. Busbice, Jr., Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

Dwight Landreneau, Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
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From: "Donald Cazayoux" <dcaz@bellsouth.net>
To: "Henry Mouton" <henrymouton@nextel.blackberry.net>; "Henry Mouton" <henrymouton@star-service.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2004 4:01 PM
Subject: bow hunting

Henry,

Congrats. again on the stem cell victory. Your passion and energy obviously played a crucial role.

On another issue my bow hunters are calling. I talked with Philip Bowman, and he explained that the department wanted to push the bow season back because of the "spotted fauns" that are prevalent during the early season and the likelihood, or inevitability, of them dying if their mothers are killed. If this is the reason for the change, then I would request that the Commission at least keep the beginning of bow season the same for bucks only, or even move it up. This obviously would satisfy any biological concerns and would permit the bow hunters to be in the woods prior to the guns for squirrel season. This may be a good compromise that would satisfy all concerns. Thanks for your consideration and help.

Don Cazayoux

6/30/2004

AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LA
July 1, 2004
10:00 AM

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Public Comments

- ① AREA 8 to AREA 2 - Against
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- ③ AREA 6 don't move season to Oct. 16
- ④ STB 375 - CONCERN OVER PROVISION OF B&H - MOW RABBIT to 3/11
- ⑤ 7A000 of AREA 6 study

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- ⑦ Against A6 Change bow season
- ⑧ Against A6 Muzzle/ender hunters no weekend
- ⑨ Against A6 change to bow season
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6/29/04

AMENDED AGENDA FOR L.W.F. COMMISSION MEETING

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EDITORS: For more information, contact Thomas Gresham at 225/765-2923
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June 28, 2004

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APPROVED: 

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6/25/04

AMENDED AGENDA RELEASED FOR L.W.F. COMMISSION MEETING

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EDITORS: *For more information, contact Thomas Gresham at 225/765-2923 (tgresham@wlf.louisiana.gov).*

June 24, 2004

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FROM: Dwight Landreneau, Secretary
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WINTON VIDRINE

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OFFICE OF WILDLIFE

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OFFICE OF FISHERIES

11. Notice of Intent - Commercial Season, Spotted Seatrout

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

13. Quarterly Report

14. Set November 2004 Meeting Date

15. Public Comments

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John Roussel
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Approved by Mr.
Wayne Sagura
6/24/2004 - 9:21 AM

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Wildlife Division

1) Public Comments on
Hunting Season

2) Rule - Hunting Seasons

3) Rule - General + WMA
Hunting

7, 2004 2:27 PM

Commission agenda

granting of authority, that would be fine.

5 PM

Subject: REF: July 1 Commission agenda

Question--with not knowing the dates, would you rather the Commission act on a Resolution granting the authority to Secretary Landreneau?

Susan

-----Original Message-----

From: Foote, Karen

Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2004 1:21 PM

To: Roussel, John E

Cc: Falcon, Susan; Bourgeois, Martin; Pausina, Randy; Porch, Pat

Subject: July 1 Commission agenda

With your approval, Marine will have the following on the July 1 Commission agenda:

Notice of Intent- Commercial Season- Spotted Seatrout- Randy Pausina

Declaration of Emergency- 2004 Fall Inshore Shrimp Season- Martin Bourgeois

Susan- The DE would entail the Commission granting the authority to the Secretary to open the Fall Season when conditions/data warrant, rather than waiting until the August meeting for the Commission to do it. We feel this year conditions may allow the season to open earlier than the date the Commission could open it at their August meeting.

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Noel Kinker

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Dear Susan:
Ourland Fisheries Division
has no agenda items for
the July Commission meeting.
Thanks

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6/8/04 JTB
* No items to add.
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